

**European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy**

*Invites you to attend  
the 1<sup>st</sup> EAEPE Symposium*

**SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ECONOMY OF LABOR: NEW DIMENSIONS**

**Thursday, June 29 – Saturday, July 1, 2006  
at the Saint-Petersburg State University,  
Saint-Petersburg, Russia**

*Call for Papers*

The goal of this symposium is to bring together a limited number of researchers (maximum 50) to focus on labor issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The conference will be divided into two, related, segments and we would welcome papers in relation to either or both segments.

The first segment is focused on comparative research of labor market transformations. Globalization, internationalization and localization of the labor force make it important to examine *inter-related* labor markets. This work should take into account how labor markets have, on one hand, class, ethnic, and gender dimensions and, on the other hand, that there is movement *between* labor markets (of different temporal durations) and these movements are in themselves influenced by class, race and gender. We would particularly welcome papers on intra-European mobility and inter-European/Asian labor mobility, including the role that Chinese and Indian workers are playing in European labor markets.

The second segment is devoted to the multiple interpretations of labor and its historical transformation(s). In particular we want to bring together different social scientists including economic historians, sociologists and anthropologists who work on the conceptualization of labor, its relationship to production and distribution, and as an essential aspect of human nature and human behavior. We believe that enriched by recent improvements in the various social sciences a fuller concept of labor is possible. This conceptualization will be both more ontologically oriented and be more sophisticated than the conceptualization used in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In addition, this conceptualization is influenced by changes in institutions and technologies. An important part of this re-conceptualization of labor is to look at employer-employee relations, contractual arrangements and conflicts, alienation and exploitation, and therefore the challenges for labor politics and trade union movements in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

*Symposium Details*

A 600 word abstract for all paper and session proposals is required by **February 10, 2006** to the local organizers at [sp6eaepe@soc.pu.ru](mailto:sp6eaepe@soc.pu.ru). These can be uploaded at the EAEPE site [www.eaepe.org](http://www.eaepe.org). Upon acceptance of your abstract, you will need to

register for the symposium. A final version of accepted papers is requested by **April 30, 2005**.

The symposium **registration fee** will be **€50** for EAEPE members, while nonmembers should add EAEPE membership fees (see [www.eaepe.org](http://www.eaepe.org)). Everyone is urged to volunteer to serve as a session chair. The registration fee covers two lunches and regular coffee breaks, book of abstracts and working materials, and some activities during the symposium. Selected papers will be considered to be published as a book volume.

The symposium is open to everyone working on labor markets across the social sciences. **Scientific committee:**

**Oleg Ananyin (Moscow, Russia)**

**Gráinne Collins (Trinity College Dublin, Ireland)**

**John Groenewegen (Delft, The Netherlands)**

**Maria Lissowska (Warsaw, Poland)**

**Pascal Petit (Paris, France)**

**Irina Peaucelle (Paris, France)**

**Mikhail Sinyutin (St-Petersburg, Russia)**

**Yuri Veselov (St-Petersburg, Russia)**

**Venue:**

St-Petersburg State University, University Centre at Smolny, is situated at the historical part of the city. The sociological faculty which hosts EAEPE meeting occupies a wing of a large architectural ensemble of Smolny Cathedral. For more details see [www.soc.pu.ru](http://www.soc.pu.ru). Participants are invited to be lodged at the hotels near by the University Centre. Detailed information about visas will be after acceptance of papers (you may choose either university or tourist visas).

For further information please contact the **local organizers**:

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