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Call for Papers for a thematic session in RA [C] Institutional Change
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We invite the submissions to the above thematic session organized by Research Area C 'Institutional Change'.

Over the years, the transdisciplinary conversation between institutional economics and economic sociology has been submerged by academic differentiation. In fact, sociology has provided the breeding ground for a new kind of economic sociology that addresses the social fabric of capitalist market economies. In doing so, the self-labelled new economic sociology aimed at the Williamsonian new institutional economics - both as an inspiration and an adversary. After all, early efforts at developing interdisciplinary dialogues remained marginal in the overall disciplinary discourses that followed. Accordingly, revitalizing such a dialogue would first of all require a shared effort in going beyond the constraints of both the new institutional economics with its Williamsonian brand of contract-centred efficiency considerations and the new economic sociology with its Granovetterian issues of the embeddedness of firms and markets in social networks. Instead, older versions of institutionalist thought rooted in Veblenian ideas, among others, might be revisited and put into a conversation with diverse strands of economic sociology, old and new, which are inspired by Marxian and Weberian motives. Their common ground lies in a shared vision of capitalist market economies as shaped by instability, conflict, and persistent change.

Key questions to be explored are as follows:

- How do institutional economics and sociology theorize commonly shared topics such as uncertainty, instability, novelty, conflict and change in capitalist market economies?
- What are the prospects for a theoretical and methodological recombination of institutional economics and sociology in a commonly shared analytical framework?

To explore these and related questions, papers that present original and unpublished content are invited for submission. Particularly welcome are papers which take on a comparative theoretical perspective that is rooted in contemporary theorizing or in the history of ideas. In addition to that, also contributions concerned with comparative methodological discussions are invited for submission. Furthermore, papers which shed light on the above questions by utilizing empirical material or historical reasoning are also welcome.

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