



**34<sup>th</sup> annual EAEPE conference: Tackling inequalities: New paradigms in policy and technology for a just transition and vaccine equity**

**Call for papers Research Area I: Comparative political economy**

The focus of the research area I “Comparative political economy” is to promote rich comparative empirical work in many different settings (developed economies, former socialist economies, Southern emerging economies, Asian economies, etc.) to study the economic and political dynamics of capitalist systems, in particular concerning their institutional framework; and to contribute to deepen and extend the related theoretical approaches. In line with this year’s general conference theme, we propose a call for papers inviting submissions on comparative political economy analyses of inequalities in a very broad sense and on the potential of comparative political economy to enrich institutional approaches to inequalities.

A comparative political economy approach to inequalities may help us better understand both the structural and institutional sources of the emergence and reproduction of inequalities, their interactions across several domains (cumulativeness of inequalities) in different national or regional settings, and potential solutions to mitigate them. We call for papers in comparative political economy that will contribute to better understanding how the covid pandemic has impacted existing inequalities and probably created new ones:

- This may concern inequalities in earnings, in wealth, in labour market or education access, in gender, of course in health given the pandemic context, and in many other fields (social systems, financial markets, environmental issues, innovation, State intervention...), among or within countries or regions.
- We welcome case studies documenting the evolution of various types of inequalities in the pandemic context in various country or regional settings, in individual cases or in comparisons and
- analyses of the dynamics of these inequalities and how the institutional diversity in different settings (including the role of the State and of the civil society) has influenced them and their outcomes and
- explorations of normative recommendations to mitigate these inequalities taking into account specific institutional configurations.

The irruption of the war in Ukraine has dramatically opened up a new era of geopolitical and economic uncertainty. We would appreciate papers trying to incorporate this dimension, even if it is as yet only in a prospective way. How will different countries react to the new economic environment, the flux of Ukrainian migrants, in relation to their institutional

configurations? Can we observe differences in policy choices related to these differences, can we anticipate differences in trajectories? To what extent will the war reconfigure domestic institutional settings in European countries and/or elsewhere, what are the possible or desirable evolutions?

**Abstract Submission:**

Related abstracts (300-750 words) should be submitted electronically on the conference website before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022:

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