



Call for Participation

The (not so) Invisible Power Structures in Global Transformations of Labor

the 12th Pre-Conference Workshop for Young Scholars
organized by

EAEPE and INET YSI *Philosophy of Economics* and *Urban and Regional Studies* Working Groups

8 September 2026 | University of Lausanne, Switzerland
before the

38th Annual Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy
9-11 September 2026

EAEPE seeks to institutionalize and deepen the involvement of and the exchange with young scholars and student initiatives at the association's annual conference. One of the key forums for young scholars at EAEPE is the annual pre-conference that comprises a series of workshops by distinguished scholars, accompanied by social space to interact and network. Organized by a team of young scholars, the pre-conference was first launched in Genova (2015). This year, EAEPE and the Philosophy of Economics Working Group of the INET YSI are putting their forces together to organize the 12th pre-conference workshop which will be held on 8 September 2026 in Lausanne.

We are pleased to announce the following talks:

Gender-responsive Employment Policies

By **Valeria Esquivel** (Coordinator of the Gender in Employment Group, ILO)

Labour and Informality under Post-Colonial Capitalism

By **Surbhi Kesar** (SOAS University of London)

Globalization & Labour

By **Jean-Christophe Graz** (University of Lausanne)

The purpose of this year's EAEPE YSI pre-conference workshop is to reconnect labor analysis with questions of dependency, global value chains, social reproduction, and ecological extraction. Rather than treating these dimensions as peripheral, they are positioned as constitutive of contemporary labor regimes and of the uneven transformations shaping work across regions and social groups. By foregrounding these perspectives, the pre-conference aims to foster dialogue between feminist, post-colonial, ecological, and institutional approaches to labor within the EAEPE community.

Following the talks, participants will have the chance to participate in group discussions and activities to approach the topic from different angles. Furthermore, there will be a get-together session where young scholars will introduce themselves and their research interests and get the chance to get feedback from and pair up with other young and senior scholars. Coffee break, lunch, and a social dinner will provide further space to connect and warm up for the main conference.

All pre-conference participants are warmly invited to participate at EAEPE's main conference.

Application to the Pre-Conference & Registration fees

You can apply for the *pre-conference* during the registration process for the *main conference*. Please register for the *main conference* by choosing the 'PhD registration for members.' After you 'proceed to check out,' you will be directed to enter your information and answer some questions. Among them is 'apply for the pre-conference?' where you should click on 'yes.'

The reduced rate (100 euro) for PhD students covers the costs of coffee breaks and lunches during the *main conference*. **Participation in the pre-conference (including all meals and social dinner) is free of charge** for those who registered for the *main conference*.

Pre-conference application closes on **June 30, 2026**. You will receive a notification of acceptance per email by the pre-conference organizers around **July 15**.

Financial support

A limited number of **fee waivers** are available for students and young researchers without funding opportunities. Applicants must provide a short motivation letter and a written statement of their supervisor or a faculty member of their study or PhD program confirming that they do not have financial support. Fee waiver applications are submitted through the EAEPE fee waiver application page [here](#).

In addition, thanks to the **INET YSI** support, we have some limited stipends available to partially cover the **travel expenses of young scholars** who do not have support from their home institutions. To apply, please send a short application letter before **June 20, 2026**, to preconference@eaepe.org

Important deadlines

Pre-conference application: due June 30

Fee waiver application: due June 20

Stipend application: due June 20

Decisions on stipend requests: July 15

Please check our [website](#) for more detailed information and updates about the pre-conference.

For any questions, please contact the pre-conference organizing team – Johanna Rath, Marisol Manfredi, Anna Hornykewycz, and Merve Burnazoglu – at preconference@eaepe.org