March 9-11, Boston Park Plaza, Boston, MA

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Please note that there will be an URPE reception on Saturday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in Whittier Room, on the 4th floor.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

8:30-9:45 a.m. < Whittier >

[A8] ISSUES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: INVESTMENT, GROWTH, POVERTY

Chair: Armagan Gezici, Keene State College

- Investment, assets markets, and the relative unit labor cost in Mexico, Carlos A. Ibarra, Universidad de las Américas Puebla Cholula
- The laboring precariat: The case of informal manufacturing workforce in India, **Lopamudra Banerjee**, New School for Social Research; **Snehashish Bhattacharya**, South Asian University
- The Determinants of Selection into Non-agricultural Self-employment in Ghana, **James Heintz**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; **Lynda Pickbourn**, Keene State College
- Eighteenth Century Spanish California as a Developing Economy: Was Investment in Religion a Drag on Growth?, **Marie Duggan**, Keene State College

Discussants: Armagan Gezici, Keene State College; Soon Ryoo, Adelphi University

10:15-11:45 a.m. <White Hill> [B7] AGRARIAN STRUCTURES AND CHANGE

Chair: Cem Oyvat, University of Massachusetts Amherst

- The Inverse Relationship between Land Size and Productivity and the Household as a collective: the case of Kenya, Mwangi wa Githinji, University of Massachusetts
 Amherst; Charalampos Konstantinidis, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Andy

 Barenberg, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Agrarian Structures, Urbanization and Inequality, Cem Oyvat, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Rural Finance in China: A Comparison before and after the Economic Reform, **Ying Chen**, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Discussion amongst participants

10:15-11:45 a.m. <Whittier> [B8] IDEOLOGICAL AND FINANCIAL UNDERPINNINGS OF THE GREAT RECESSION

Chair: **Ted P. Schmidt**, SUNY Buffalo State College

- The Inequality, Power, Ideology Nexus: Getting to the Roots of the Crisis, **John A. Miller,** Wheaton College
- Financial Underpinnings of the European Crisis, **Nina Eichacker**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- QE through the prism of the Barings Crisis in 1890: Central Banks and the International money Markets, **Ramaa Vasudevan**, Colorado State University
- Financialization of Commodities and the Monetary Transmission Mechanism, **Ted P. Schmidt,** SUNY Buffalo State College

Discussants: **Thomas Masterson**, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College; **Marie Duggan**, Keene State College; **Mona Ali**, SUNY New Paltz

1:00-2:15 p.m <Whittier> [C8] EXPLORATIONS IN ECONOMIC THEORY

Chair: Mike Beggs, Political Economy, University of Sydney

- Liquidity as a Social Relation, **Mike Beggs**, University of Sydney
- A Contribution to the Critique of Finance, **Julio Huato**, St. Francis College
- Liquids that Balance: Hume's Gold and Smith's Capital Stock Arguments for Laissez Faire, **Nathan Gray**, Keene State College
- Harmful Economic Systems and Standard Economics, Lane Vanderslice, World Hunger Education Service

Discussants: Ramaa Vasudevan, Colorado State University; Lopamudra Banerjee, New School for Social Research

2:30-3:45 p.m. < Whittier> [D8] DYNAMICS OF GROWTH AND DISTRIBUTION

Chair: Armagan Gezici, Keene State College

- Capitalists, Workers, and Managers: a Three-Class Goodwin Model, **Daniele Tavani**, Colorado State University; **Ramaa Vasudevan**, Colorado State University
- Dark Matter', 'Black Holes' and Old Fashioned Exploitation: Multinationals and U.S. Profitability, Growth and Employment, **Mona Ali,** SUNY New Paltz
- Credit Constraints, Profitability, and Animal Spirits in a Stock-Flow Consistent Model of Investment and Growth, **Daniele Tavani**, Colorado State University

Discussants: Carlos A. Ibarra, Universidad de las Américas Puebla Cholula; Codrina Rada, University of Utah; Nina Eichacker, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

4:00-5:15 p.m. <White Hill> [E7] DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND GROWTH

Chair: Cem Oyvat, University of Massachusetts Amherst

- Relative mortality improvements as a marker of socio-economic inequality across the developing world, 1990-2009, **Deepankar Basu**, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- In the Midst of Globalization: Earnings Inequality between Countries in 1990-2005, **Jose Caraballo Cueto**, New School for Social Research
- Is Devaluation Always Contractionary (Expansive)? If so on What Basis?, **Francisco Martinez Hernandez**, New School for Social Research
- Beating inflation: China's defense and dilemma, **Doris Yuanyuan Zhang**, New School for Social Research

Discussion amongst participants

4:00-5:15 p.m. <Whittier> [E8] FISCAL POLICY, GROWTH, AND FULL EMPLOYMENT

Chair: Steven Fazzari, Washington University

- Fiscal Policy During and After the Great Recession, **L. Josh Bivens**, Economic Policy Institute
- A Model of the Limits of Fiscal Policy, **Thomas Michl**, Colgate University

- Fiscal Policy in an Economy with an Aging Population: A Structuralist Approach, **Codrina Rada,** University of Utah
- Public Debt and Full Employment in a Stock-flow Consistent Model of a Corporate Economy, Soon Ryoo, Adelphi University; Peter Skott, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Discussants: Marc Lavoie, University of Ottawa; Josh W. Mason, University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Steven Fazzari, Washington University

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

8:15-9:30 a.m. < Whittier>
[F8] ROUNDTABLE ON ECONOMIC WELL BEING OF HOUSEHOLDS
Chair: Lynda Pickbourn, Keene State College

- Joie de Vivre? Comparison of US and French LIMEW for 1989 and 2000, Thomas
 Masterson, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College; Selcuk Eren, Levy Economics
 Institute of Bard College; Edward Wolff, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College;
 Ajit Zacharias, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College
- Comparison of US and UK LIMEW for 1995 and 2005, Selcuk Eren, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College; Thomas Masterson, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College; Edward Wolff, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College; Ajit Zacharias, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College
- Living Standards in The United States in a Historical and Comparative Perspective: Some Results from the LIMEW Project, Ajit Zacharias, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College; Selcuk Eren, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College; Thomas Masterson, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College; Edward Wolff, Levy Economics Institute of Bard College

Discussion amongst participants

9:45-11:00 a.m. <White Hill> [G7] TOPICS IN HETERODOX POLITICAL ECONOMY

Chair: Scott Carter, The University of Tulsa

• Are we working at the same place? Perceptions of Workplace Practices and Labor Retention in Early Care and Education, **Lynn A. Hatch**, U.S. Coast Guard Academy

- Reconceptualizing Internal Migration in India, **Smriti Rao**, Assumption College; **Kade Finnoff**, University of Massachusetts Boston
- Gender and Public Good Provisioning in Health Care in Countries After War, **Kade Finnoff**, University of Massachusetts Boston

Discussion amongst participants

9:45-11:00 a.m. < Whittier >

[G8] ROUNDTABLE ON IMPROVING GOVERNANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT SAFETY NET IN FINANCIAL CRISES

Chair: L. Randall Wray, University of Missouri

- Frank Veneroso, Veneroso Associates
- Walker Todd, American Institute for Economic Research;
- James A. Felkerson; University of Missouri, Kansas City
- Nicola Matthews, University of Missouri, Kansas City

Discussion amongst participants

1:00-2:15 p.m. <Whittier> [H8] CIRCUIT OF CAPITAL MODEL

Chair: Iren Levina, University of Massachusetts Amherst

- Comparative Growth Dynamics in a Discrete-time Marxian Circuit of Capital Model, **Deepankar Basu**, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Credit, Profitability and Instability: A Dynamic, Structural Approach, Paulo L dos Santos, School of Oriental and Africa Studies
- Scheme of Expanded Reproduction with Centralized Banking System: An Agent Based Simulation, **Xiao Jiang**, The New School for Social Research

Discussion amongst participants

2:30-3:45 p.m < Whittier>

[18] TOPICS IN THEORETICAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

Chair: Xiao Jiang, The New School for Social Research

- An Agent-Based Approach to Classical-Marxian Value Theory and Labor Mobility, **Jonathan Cogliano,** The New School for Social Research
- Transactions Flow Matrices of Monetary Circuit Model, Hyun Woong Park, University
 of Massachusetts Amherst

- Mark-up Pricing and the Origins of Profit: A Critique of Kaleckian Pricing Theory, **Fernando Rugitsky**, The New School for Social Research
- Political Economy of Capital Gains: Through the Lens of Two Sets of Prices of Capital Goods, **Iren Levina**, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Discussion amongst participants

4:00-5:15 p.m. < White Hill>

[J7] IN MEMORIAM: PIERANGELO GAREGNANI, 1930-2011- A ROUNDTABLE CELEBRATORY SESSION

Chair: **Duncan Foley**

- Sraffa's thought in the 1920s in light of Professor Garegnani's 'Turning Point' thesis, **Andrés Lazzarini**, CONICET-UBA, Argentina
- On Professor Garegnani's vertically-integrated wage goods sector, **Scott Carter**, The University of Tulsa
- Classics and Moderns: Pierangelo Garegnani and the revival of the Classical surplus approach, **Gary Mongiovi**, St. Johns University
- Sraffa and Garegnani, Ajit Sinha, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research
- Ed Nell, The New School for Social Research

Discussion amongst Participants and Audience

4:00-5:15 p.m. < Whittier >

[J8] International Development from Political Economic Perspectives

Chair: Ellis Scharfenaker

- An Empirical Study of Marxian Exchange Rate, **Hyun Woong Park**, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- The Political Economy of Economic Growth in Latin America, **Luis Villanueva-Martinez**, The New School for Social Research
- Regional Pooling of International Reserves: The Latin American Reserve Fund in Perspective, **Luis Rosero**, Fitchburg State University
- Financialization and Corporate Investment in Korea after the Asian Financial Crisis, **HeeYoung Shin**, The New School for Social Research

Discussion amongst participants

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

8:15-9:30 a.m. < Whittier>

[K8] POLITICAL ECONOMY APPROACHES TO MACROECONOMICS:

EMPIRICAL STUDIESChair: **Hyun Woong Park**

- Class Struggle and Economic Fluctuations: VAR Analysis of the post-War U.S.
 Economy, Deepankar Basu, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Ying Chen,
 University of Massachusetts Amherst; Jong-seok Oh, University of Massachusetts
 Amherst
- The Measurable Value Added of US Outputs: A Look at Turbulent Vibrations, **Ellis Scharfenaker**, The New School for Social Research
- The Productivity-Unemployment Nexus of the US Economy: Short Run versus Long Run Effects, **Johann Jaeckel**, The New School for Social Research

Discussion amongst participants

9:45- 11:15 a.m. <White Hill> [L7] ROUNDTABLE ON THE OCCUPY MOVEMENT AND ECONOMIC THEORY

- Scott Carter, University of Tulsa
- Julio Huato, St. Francis College

9:45-11:15 a.m. < Whittier >

[L8] RADICAL POLITICAL ECONOMY: THEORY AND APPLICATIONS

Session Chair: Fernando Rugitsky

- Making Sense of Financialization: Neoliberalism and the Feudalization of Capital,
 Rajesh Bhattacharya, South Asian University; Ian J. Seda-Irizarry, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Is a general theory of capitalist instability possible? Özgür Orhangazi, Kadir Has University
- To Explain Scholes' Puzzle Concurrently on Marx's Theory on Essence and Internal Contradictions of Money and its Development in Modern Economy, Zhun Zhao, The New School for Social Research
- The Coming Creative Revolution: A Second Nation-wide War by Villagers?, **Yuanyuan Zhang**, The New School for Social Research

Discussion amongst participants

11:30-12:45 p.m. <Whittier> [M8] GENDER AND ETHNICITY ISSUES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

Chair: Cem Oyvat, University of Massachusetts Amherst

- What Shapes Variations in Rural Indian Women's Work? Agrarian Change versus the U-Hypothesis, **Avanti Mukherjee**, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Ethnic Wage Differentials in Pakistan's Labor Market, **M. Rashid Memon**, New School for Social Research

Discussion amongst participants