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URPE Projects and Programs
Jan 03, 2016

Jan 03, 2016 8:00 am, Marriott Marquis, Sierra I

Crises and Conflicts in the Global Economy (J5)
Presiding: Paddy Quick (St. Francis College-Brooklyn)

A Gender Perspective of the Crisis: The Italian Case
Giovanna Vertova (University of Bergamo)

Labor Markets, Productivism, and Women’s Empowerment in Postapartheid South Africa
Jennifer Cohen (University of the Witwatersrand)

Precarity and No Resistance? Towards an Explanation of an Apparent Paradox in European Societies
Svenja Flechtner (European University Flensburg)
Gloria Kutscher (Vienna University of Economy and Business)

“Erst kommt das Fressen” – Food Insecurity in the Time of Austerity
Charalampos Konstantinidis (University of Massachusetts-Boston)

Building Post-Capitalist Worlds: Zapatistas, Via Campesina and Other Rebellions
David Barkin (Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco)
Blanca Lemus (Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana-Xochimilco)

Discussants:
Esther Jeffers (University of Paris 8)
Elias Mouhoud Mouhoud (University of Paris Dauphine)
Özgür Orhangazi (Kadir Has University)

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Rethinking Macroeconomics: Microfoundations, Production Functions, and Policies (B4)
Presiding: Ann E. Davis (Marist University)

"On the Cobb–Douglas and All That...": The Solow–Simon Correspondence Over the Aggregate Neoclassical Production Function
Scott Carter (University of Tulsa)
Braaaaaaaaaains!! The Undead Humbug Production Function: Now With Human Capital!
Michael Isaacson (New School)

Consumer and Production Behavior: From Micro to Macro Without Utility Function or Rational Choice
Anwar Shaikh (New School)

Friendly as well as Unfriendly Commentators: The Lucas Critique Reconsidered
Katherine Moos (New School)

Discussants:
Noe Wiener (New School)
Kevin D. Hoover (Duke University)

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Union for Radical Political Economics/International Association for Feminist Economics

Gender, Credit, and Microfinance (G2)
Presiding: Bilge Erten (Northeastern University)

The Development of Women’s Creditworthiness: Another Step for Women’s Economic Citizenship
Dorene Isenberg (University of Redlands)

Gender Biases in Bank Lending: Lessons from Microcredit in France
Anastasia Cozarenco (Montpellier Business School and CERMi)
Ariane Szafarz (Université Libre de Bruxelles, CEB, and CERMi)

The Impact of Microfinance on Factors Empowering Women: Differences in Regional and Delivery Mechanisms in India’s SHG Programme
Ranjula Bali Swain (Södertörn University and Uppsala University)

Gold Backed Microcredit and Women’s Autonomy in Pakistan
Ghazel Zulfiqar (Lahore University of Management Sciences)

Discussants:
Bilge Erten (Northeastern University)
Sucharita Sinha Mukerjee (College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University)
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The Political Economy of Capital Flows, Capital Controls and Central Bank Policy in a Global and Historical Perspective (F3)
Presiding: James Crotty (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

European Imbalances: Financial or Structural? Lessons from Neapolitan and English Economists in the Early XVII Century
Lilia Costabile (Naples Federico II)

Who Wins and Who Loses from Quantitative Easing and What Does This Tell Us About the Political Economy of Central Bank Policy?
Gerald Epstein (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
Juan Montecino (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

Capital Controls and Policy Space in a Time of Crisis
Ilene Grabel (University of Denver)

Dimensions of Financial Power
Jonathan Goldstein (Bowdoin College)

Discussants:
James Crotty (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
Esther Jeffers (University of Paris 8)
Dominique Plihon (University of Paris 13)

Jan 03, 2016 12:30 pm, Marriott Marquis, Yerba Buena Salons 5 & 6
David Gordon Memorial Lecture (D3)
Presiding: Fred Moseley (Mount Holyoke College)

Rising Inequality: Are Rents the Problem?
Dean Baker (Center for Economic and Policy Research)

Discussants:
Heather Boushey (Washington Center for Equitable Growth)
Jan 03, 2016 2:30 pm, Marriott Marquis, Sierra J

**Heterodox Approaches to Trade and Development (F1)**

*Presiding:* Paul Cooney (Universidade Federal do Pará-Brasil)

**Changing Export Structure of the Turkish Manufacturing: A Story of New Dependency**
Armağan Gezici (Keene State College)
Özgür Orhangazi (Kadir Has University)

**Struggling for the Gains in Global Value Chains**
Xiao Jiang (Denison University)
José Caraballo (University of Puerto Rico)

**Sustainability of the Decline in Inequality in Latin America: The Effects of Changing Trade Patterns**
Carmen Rosa Marull Maita (Freie Universität Berlin)
Luis D. Rosero (Framingham State University)

**The Anarchy of Globalization: Local and Global, Intended and Unintended Consequences**
Michael Perelman (California State University-Chico)

**Reprimarization: Implications for the Environment and Development**
Paul Cooney (Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento)

*Discussants:*

Peter Bent (University of Oxford/University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
Alexandria Eisenbarth (New School)
Paul Cooney (Universidade Federal do Pará)

Jan 03, 2016 2:30 pm, Marriott Marquis, Pacific I

**New Developments in Sraffian Theory (B2)**

*Presiding:* Robin Hahnel (American University)

**Piero Sraffa’s Early Work on Joint Production: Probing the Intricacies of Multiple-product Systems**
Heinz Kurz (University of Graz-Austria)
Environmental Sustainability in a Sraffa Framework
Robin Hahnel (American University)

Hecksher-Ohlin-Samuelson Trade Theory and Capital Theory
Naoki Yoshihara (Hitotsubashi University)

Classical Economics after Sraffa
Neri Salvadori (University of Pisa)

Sraffa’s Economics Reconsidered
Pier Luigi Porta (University of Milano-Bicocca)

Discussants:
Riccardo Belloriore (University of Bergamo)
Scott Carter (University of Tulsa)

URPE Cocktail Reception
Sunday, January 3, 2016
Marriott Marquis — Sierra J 6:00-8:00pm
*with a special retirement celebration for Hazel Dayton Gunn from 7-8pm

Jan 04, 2016

End Poverty, Revive Democracy, and Rethink Economics: Policy and Theory Alternatives to the Neo-Liberal Status Quo (E6)
Presiding: Rajani Kanth (Harvard University)

The Way Out: Letting Policy Lead Economic
Rajani Kanth (Harvard University)

Eliminating Global Poverty without Aggravating Environmental Pollution
Ravi Batra (Southern Methodist University)

A Call for a Modern Private-Debt Jubilee
Steve Keen (Kingston University)

Austerity vs Stimulus: The Real Nature of the Crisis
Anwar Shaikh (New School)
Privatising the Public Domain: The Current Crisis of Democracy
Roslyn Fuller (Waterford Institute of Technology)

Discussants:
Rajani Kanth (Harvard University)
Ravi Batra (Southern Methodist University)
Steve Keen (Kingston University)
Anwar Shaikh (New School)
Roslyn Fuller (Waterford Institute of Technology)

Jan 04, 2016 8:00 am, Marriott Marquis, Sierra K

Financial Crisis, Institutional Changes and Variety of Capitalism (G1)
Presiding: Dominique Plihon (University of Paris 13)

A Capital Markets Union in Europe: Repurposing the Megabanks at the Expense of Historical-Institutional Logics?
Gary Dymski (Leeds University)
Nina Kaltenbrunner (Leeds University)

European Shadow Banking and Variety of Capitalism
Esther Jeffers (University of Paris 8)

On the Variety of Capitalism Approach: What Can We Learn From the Diversity of National Reactions to the Global Financial Crisis?
Pascal Petit (University of Paris 13)
Elias Mouhoud Mouhoud (University of Paris Dauphine)

Capital Market Union: Will Capitalism in Continental Europe Shift to Market-based Anglo-American Capitalism?
Dominique Plihon (University of Paris 13)

Some Proposals to Enhance the Role of the SDR: A SFC Modelling Approach
Jacques Mazier (University of Paris 13)
Sebastian Valdecantos (CEPAL)

Discussants:
Gerald Epstein (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
Gary Dymski (Leeds University)
Esther Jeffers (University of Paris 8)
Pascal Petit (University of Paris 13)
Jan 04, 2016 10:15 am, Marriott Marquis, Nob Hill C & D
Union for Radical Political Economics/American Economic Association

Causes of the Great Recession and the Prospects for Recovery (E3)
Presiding: Fred Moseley (Mount Holyoke College)

Stagnation and Institutional Structures
David M. Kotz (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

Recessions, Depressions, and the Rate of Profit
Robert McKee (Independent Scholar)

Understanding the Great Recession: Keynesian and Post-Keynesian Insights
Mario Seccareccia (University of Ottawa)
Marc Lavoie (University of Ottawa)

Discussants:
Robert Gordon (Northwestern University)
Brad DeLong (University of California-Berkeley)
David Colander (Middlebury College)

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Union for Radical Political Economics/International Association for Feminist Economics

Gender and Educational Investment (I2)
Presiding: Linda Lucas (University of South Florida)

Empowered or Not? Exploring the Conundrum of Increasing Female Schooling and Stagnant Female Labor Market Participation in Japan, China and India
Sucharita Sinha Mukerjee (College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University)

Family Wealth Shock: The Allocation of Property Rights within Marriage and Children's Education Investment
Jing Liu (Central University of Finance and Economics)
Liangshu Qi (Tsinghua University)

An Early Assessment of Extension of Compulsory School Attendance in Turkey: Evidence from a Natural Experiment
Bilge Erten (Northeastern University)
The Pre-School Effects: Analyzing the Causal Effects of Pre-School Attendance on Income, Educational Attainment, and Mother's Labor Force Participation
Alyssa Schneebaum (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

Discussants:
Linda Lucas (University of South Florida)
Leanne Roncolato (Franklin and Marshall College)

Jan 04, 2016 2:30 pm, Marriott Marquis, Sierra J
Meanings of Money: Considering Marx, Keynes, Sraffa, and Minsky (B5)
Presiding: Ann E. Davis (Marist College)

The Ontology of Money, The Monetary Circuit and the Sources of Profit
John Smithin (York University)

The Sociology of Money and Economic Development: A Critique of Metallist Views in Gunder Frank and World Systems
Matias Vernengo (Bucknell University)
David Fields (University of Utah)

Money and the Sraffian Tradition: Clarification and Assessment
Gary Mongiovi (St. John's University)

What is Money? The Theory of Endogenous Money from a Revolutionary Perspective
Louis-Philippe Rochon (Laurentian University)

Unaccountable Finance Beyond the Rule of National Law: How Shadow Banking has Transformed the Meaning of Money
Gary Dymski (Leeds University)
Mimoza Shibani (University of East London)
Susan Ozawa Perez (Protected Investors of America)

Discussants:
Ann E. Davis (Marist College)
Zdravka Todorova (Wright State University)
Fred Moseley (Mount Holyoke College)
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Union for Radical Political Economics/National Economic Association  
The Racial Gap and Wealth Accumulation (E2)  
Presiding: Sue K. Stockly (Eastern New Mexico University)  

“Twice as Hard for Half as Much”: Wealth Privilege and the Racial Wealth Gap  
Bob Williams (Guilford College)  

Relative Economic (Im)mobility: Revisiting the Intergenerational Drag Hypothesis  
Cruz Caridad Bueno (Sienna College)  
Darrick Hamilton (New School)  
William A. Darity, Jr. (Duke University)  

Native American Tribal Government’s Role in Fostering Asset Accumulation  
Randall Akee (University of California-Los Angeles)  
Sue K. Stockly (Eastern New Mexico University)  

Financial Literacy and Wealth Among Hispanics  
Josephine Curz Lugovskyy (Northwest Missouri State University)  
Mary J. Lopez (Occidental College)  

Discussants:  
Rhonda Vonshay Sharpe (Bucknell University)  
Marie T. Mora (University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley)  
Gary A. Hoover (University of Oklahoma)  
Ejindu Ume (Miami University)  

Jan 05, 2016  
Jan 05, 2016 8:00 am, Marriott Marquis, Sierra J  
Union for Radical Political Economics/International Association for Feminist Economics  
Envisioning Alternative Economic Systems (P2) (Panel Discussion)  
Panel Moderator: Elissa Braunstein (Colorado State University)  

John Willoughby (American University)  
Stephanie Seguino (University of Vermont)  
Gerald Epstein (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)  
Caren Grown (World Bank)  
Nancy Folbre (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)
Jan 05, 2016 8:00 am, Marriott Marquis, Sierra K

Heterodox Macroeconomics (E3)

Presiding: Fred Moseley (Mount Holyoke College)

Limits to Growth, Ratio of Accumulation, and the Tendency for the Rate of Profit to Fall
Minqi Li (University of Utah)

Marxian Exploitation in a Harrod-Style Keynesian Growth Model
James Devine (Loyola Marymount University)

Systemic Fragility in the 21st Century Global Economy
Jack Rasmus (St. Marys College)

Some Controversial Aspects of the Financial Meltdown of 2008
John Komlos (University of Munich)

Discussants:
Jack Rasmus (St. Marys College)
Anwar Shaikh (New School)
Gary Dymski (Leeds University)

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Pluralism in Economic Pedagogy (A2)

Presiding: Ron Baiman (Benedictine University)

The Supply Curve Generally Does Not Exist, So Why Does it Show Up in Virtually Every Introductory Mainstream and Heterodox Text Book?
Ron Baiman (Benedictine University)

What Should First Year Students of Economics and Political Economy be Taught?
Mehrene Larudee (University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

Critical Thinking and Pluralism: Reflections on My Pluralist Teaching
Ioana Negru (SOAS-University of London)

What Concepts and Principles Should a Pluralist Principles of Economics Textbook Contain?
John Reardon (Hamline University)
Discussants:
Gary Mongiovi (St. John's University)
Geoffrey Schneider (Bucknell University)
Scott Weir (Wake Technical Community College)
John Komlos (University of Munich)

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