

Association for Evolutionary Economics (AFEE)

Call for Papers

ASSA Annual Meetings, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
January 3-5, 2015

Theorizing of the Social Provisioning Process under Capitalism

The Association for Evolutionary Economics invites proposals for individual papers and complete panels on the theme of “**Theorizing of the Social Provisioning Process under Capitalism.**” Institutional economics has traditionally engaged in innovative theorizing about the social provisioning process under capitalism. In recent times, however, such theorizing has tended to be more inward and backward looking—such as concentrating on the works of Veblen or Commons, rather than extending and developing the theoretical foundations of institutional economics inspired by Veblen and others. As capitalism and hence the provisioning process continues to evolve over historical time, so must institutional economics in order to explain this evolution.

To this end, the AFEE-ASSA 2015 meetings will explore the following particular questions. Are the theoretical contributions of the founders of institutional economics still relevant to explaining and understanding capitalism’s contemporary provisioning process? Can institutional economics work with other heterodox traditions? In the past, there have been close theoretical working relationships with Post Keynesian, Marxian, social, and feminist economics. Do these relationships remain relevant? Or how can we reinvigorate these relationships? Can institutional economics look beyond the ideas of Keynes, Kalecki, Sraffa, and Marx edifice and engage with other ‘institutionalist’ traditions such as the related research programs of the Social Structure of Accumulation, Social Ecological Economics, French Régulation and French Convention schools? Or will institutional economics drift away from developing a robust and relevant theoretical explanation of the evolving social provisioning process under capitalism to only provide descriptive analysis and policy prescriptions? Can ‘forward looking’ institutional economics engage with other heterodox traditions and clearly maintain a theoretical identity separate from mainstream economics? Can Institutionalists and their heterodox compatriots have a better understanding of what drives economic crises and promotes inequality, and a better understanding of how to develop economic policies and alternative social control of economic activities that will make the social provisioning process work for the bottom 80% at the expense of the top 5%?

This conference theme is designed to explore these questions in order to promote the ongoing theoretical development of institutional economics, and to serve as a theoretical foundation which engages with other traditions in heterodox economics as it pertains to the social provisioning process under capitalism. Examples of possible theoretical topics include (but are not limited to) the following:

The Going Business Enterprise, the Household, the State, Agency, Prices, Investment, Finance, Consumption, Money, Effective Demand, Labor and Employment, Transactions, Exchange, Class Relationships, Gender Relationships, Commodification, the Nature of Commodities, Urban Development and other spatial implications, Taxation, Natural Resources and the environment, Uneven Development, Increasing Income Inequality, the Instability of Capitalism, the End (or not) of Capitalism, the Economy as an Instituted Process, Markets and Industry, Financialization, Budget Deficit, Social Welfare, and Technology

All proposals for papers and panels reflecting the traditional and analytical perspectives represented by the Association for Evolutionary Economics will be given serious consideration. However, preference will be given to those proposals that address the theme of **“Theorizing of the Social Provisioning Process under Capitalism.”**

Joint Panels

AFEE will participate in joint panels with the Association for Social Economics (ASE), the Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE), and the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE)—that is, total five joint panels; AFEE-ASE panel, AFEE-URPE panel, AFEE-IAFFE panel, URPE-AFEE panel, and IAFFE-AFEE panel. A special call for papers will be sent out for the AFEE-ASE panel and for the AFEE-IAFFE-AFEE panels. In addition, AFEE and URPE will work together to develop their panels. If you are interested in proposing such a panel or want to submit a paper that is included in the panel, you need to contact myself (Fred Lee, e-mail: leefs@umkc.edu) and the program organizer of the other association prior to the submission:

ASE, Ellen Mutari, e-mail: Ellen.mutari@stockton.edu;

ASE CFP: http://www.socialeconomics.org/?page=conferences&side=assa&sub=call_for_papers

URPE, Fred Moseley, e-mail: fmoseley@mtholyoke.edu;

URPE CFP: <http://www.urpe.org/conf/assa/assacall.htm>

IAFFE, Alicia Giron, e-mail: Alicia@unam.mx.

IAFFE CFP: <http://www.iaffe.org/conferences/>

In all cases, a presenter must be a member of one of the associations, and preferably of both.

Submission Procedure, Deadline, and Rules

The deadline for submission of proposals for papers and sessions is April 22, 2014. Submissions must be by e-mail. When sending your email, please clearly identify it as an AFEE paper or panel submission for the AFEE 2015 Program in your subject line along with the title and the lead author(s) name. If receipt of your abstract or panel proposal has not been acknowledged within two weeks of submission, please contact the Program Chair (leefs@umkc.edu). Authors will be informed whether their proposals have been accepted by the end of May 2014. Proposals for panels may contain up to five papers, and must include relevant details of all papers to be

presented (see below). Please, remember that the constraints imposed by the Allied Social Science Associations severely limit the number of sessions allocated to AFEE and AFEE deeply regrets the necessity to turn down many good proposals. Presentations should be no more than twenty minutes in length so as to leave time for discussion. *At least one of the authors of any paper for an AFEE panel must be a member of AFEE (but preferably more) by the submission deadline of April 22, 2014.* For membership information, please, visit www.afee.net or contact erhake@catawba.edu.

Proposals for papers or panels must be electronically submitted as a pdf or word file to the Program Chair, Frederic Lee, by **April 22, 2014**. The following information must be submitted for each paper:

- a. Name(s) of author(s);
- b. Professional affiliation(s);
- c. E-mail address of corresponding author (ideally, for all authors involved);
- d. Mailing address of corresponding author (ideally, for all authors involved);
- e. Title of proposed paper;
- f. Abstract of no more than 250 words;
- g. Declare willingness to serve as a session chair (specify field).

Conference Proceedings

Papers presented at the AFEE Boston meeting are eligible for publication in the June 2015 issue of the *Journal of Economic Issues*. To be considered for publication, the text of your paper cannot exceed 2,850 words, with no more than four pages (total) of double-spaced endnotes, references, tables, and figures. The deadline for submission to the *JEI* is December 15, 2014. *JEI* submission details will be provided to authors whose proposals are accepted for the conference. All criteria for the submission of papers, including deadlines, will be strictly enforced by the *JEI* editor, Christopher Brown. At least one of the authors of any paper must be a member of AFEE. Papers should be sent by email attachment to jei@astate.edu.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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