

Envisioning the Economy of the Future, and the Future of Political Economy
AFEP-IIPPE Conference, with participation by ADEK, AHE and EAEPE
Date and place : IEP and University of Lille (France), 3-5 July 2019

Following the Global Financial Crisis and a decade or more of uneven but sluggish economic performance, the signs are that both economic prospects and the prospects for mainstream economics remain bleak even if the latter has strengthened its hold over the discipline despite what are at most token changes to address its sorely exposed methodological, theoretical and applied deficiencies. As a result, this Conference focuses upon how to pursue a better “economics”, a better economy and the relationship between the two. The goal will be to identify the driving forces of the economy of the future and what is changing in the way in which academic disciplines, and in particular the social sciences (sociology, history, geography, political science, law, management, development studies) and various heterodox and political economy traditions within economics, describe, formalise, analyse and conceptualise the economic sphere and its relationships with society more broadly. Thus, the conference will investigate links between the crises in economic theory and the economic and social crises being experienced across the world – links with an immediate economic content, such as finance, inequality and unemployment as well as some major issues to be taken into account envisioning the economy and society of the future, as with ecology and migration.

The Conference is jointly organised by AFEP (French Association for Political Economy/L'Association Française d'Économie Politique, celebrating its tenth anniversary) and IIPPE (the International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy) with participation by ADEK (Association for the Development of Keynesian Studies), AHE (Association for Heterodox Economics) and EAEPE (European Association for Evolutionary Economics). Economists, other social scientists and activists wishing to attend should submit proposals falling within the scope of this general orientation, and/or the following, particular list of questions and topics, or other topics in Political Economy.

I. Envisioning the economics of today and of the future

- a. *Theories overtaken by the changes in capitalism?*
- b. *The social sciences and the future of economics*
- c. *The international organisation of political economy*

II. Envisioning the economy of today and tomorrow: multidisciplinary perspectives

- a. *How do economists innovate to envision the future of capitalism?*
- b. *Multidisciplinary approaches to contemporary market economies (capitalism as a socially embedded system)*

III. From the field of possibilities to utopias

- a. *Searching for the good society: Alternative visions of the future - economic systems and utopia*
- b. *Between market and utopia: Efficiency vs equality, competition vs cooperation?*

Format of the proposals

Proposals (**individual papers, complete panels, networks**) can be submitted starting **November 1, 2018**. The Web site with Electronic Proposal Forms for submitting to this joint conference is here: <https://afep-iippe2019.sciencesconf.org/>.

Planning

- Deadline for proposals for individual papers: **January 15, 2019**
- Deadlines for various types of panels will be given on the Electronic Proposal Forms which will be posted **November 1, 2018**
- Notifications of accepted proposals will be sent to the authors by **February 15, 2019**

Registration for accepted proposals will be open on February 15, 2019

Preferential registration rate until March 15, 2019