

AFEP-IIPPE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
CALL FOR PAPERS « EMPIRICAL PERSPECTIVES ON PLURALISM IN ECONOMICS »

Over the last three decades, scholars and students in economics have repeatedly called for pluralism. In 1992, a “Plea for a Rigorous and Pluralistic Economics” was published in the AER. Petitions were launched in the 2000s: by French students in 2000, by 27 Cambridge PhD-students in 2001, by Harvard Students in 2003 etc., followed in the aftermath of the 2008 crisis by the constitution of student collectives at national and international levels – notably PEPS-Economie in France, the Post-Crash Economics Society in 2013 in England, Netzwerk Plurale Ökonomik in 2012 in Germany and transnational networks like ISIPE in 2014 and Rethinking Economics. Many scholar networks and associations were also founded in this wake: EAEPE in 1988, ICARE (today ICAPE) in 1993, AHE in 1999, the post-autistic economics network in 2000, IIPPE in 2006, AFEP in 2009, the World Economics Association in 2011 etc.

These movements were associated with intense academic debates and contributions regarding:

- the evolution of pluralism in economics, some of them empirically-grounded on citation patterns analysis, evidence on the training and hiring of economists...;
- its ontological, epistemological, pedagogical benefits (or drawbacks and challenges);
- its ontological, theoretical, methodological, paradigmatic, axiological, disciplinary, and political dimensions;
- its existing, feasible or desirable forms: be it ‘critical pluralism’, ‘consensual, antagonistic or agonistic pluralism’, or ‘selfish, disinterested or interested pluralism’ etc.;
- the promotion of a viable pluralism, the definition of the boundaries of the mainstream, etc.

Empirical work on the state and evolution of pluralism in both research and teaching is of particular relevance here, notably evidence on the organization and financing of curricula, econ departments, research units, recruitments, editorial policies, etc. We invite contributions from a diversity of social sciences (history, philosophy, political economy, sociology of sciences etc.). Descriptive statistics, network and data analysis, in-depth case studies (regarding a department, a university, the entire discipline in a given country or region...), investigations on the impact of national university systems and of transnational trends and standards on the state of pluralism across countries, comprising comparative institutional assessments are most welcome.

Other original contributions to the topic of pluralism in economics are also welcome, including comparisons between social and natural sciences.

Important dates:

Paper Submission Deadline	15 March 2019
Notification of Acceptance	31 March 2019
Full Paper Submission	30 May 2019

Abstract submission (around 800 words) should be made through the online submission system at the conference website. Please select the topic “Empirical Perspectives on Pluralism in Economics” in the drop-down menu. For questions please contact the organizers of the special session: Emmanuelle Bénicourt ([emmanuelle.benicourt@u-picardie.fr](mailto:emmanuelle.benicourt@u-picardie.fr)), Sophie Jallais ([sophie.jallais@univ-paris1.fr](mailto:sophie.jallais@univ-paris1.fr)) and Agnès Labrousse ([agnes.labrousse@u-picardie.fr](mailto:agnes.labrousse@u-picardie.fr))