

Petition. Pluralism now !



Where is our economic system going? What about our societies? How did we get here? And what next?

The current situation reveals not only an economic crisis but also a deep crisis of economic thought. There are many causes for this situation, and solutions can only be found through theoretical, practical and political inventiveness with our critical faculties to the fore. But, whilst such voices do exist, they have been silenced as far as orthodox economics is concerned. Simply put, there are profound institutional barriers to the emergence and presentation of original thinking, but this blocked creativity could be released through a simple and immediate political solution. Establishing in French universities a new section, entitled Economics and Society, would allow a new way of thinking in economics.

Madam Minister, **you recently decided to create this new section** promoting the study of economic facts with a renewed perspective within rather than apart from social sciences. **You did so because you know how much the research in economics and its teaching, but also public debate, are suffocated by the monopoly of ideas** imposed by a dominant school of thought that failed to anticipate or even to allow for, let alone understand and respond to this crisis. The proposal for this new section, and your commendable approval for it, **unleashed such a backlash from the established orthodoxy** that it seemed to persuade you to withdraw your support.

For these reasons, by reaffirming your support for this petition for pluralism in economics, **we demand that you publish the decree that you already signed** in order finally to create this new section.

Economics needs pluralism now!