

European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) 2000 Conference
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Institutional History of Economics Research Area

CALL FOR PAPERS

EAEPE's Institutional History of Economics Research Area invites paper proposals that contribute to one of its following seven theoretical perspectives:

- (1) The approach to analysis is based on an evaluation of relevant tendencies and linkages in actual economics - instead of a methodology that sanctifies fictions and diverts attention from the difficult task of analyzing the practice and culture of economics.
- (2) The analysis is open-ended and interdisciplinary in that it draws upon relevant material in psychology, anthropology, politics, and history - instead of a definition of history of economics in terms of a rigid method that is applied indiscriminately to a wide variety of economic approaches.
- (3) The conception of economics is of a cumulative and evolutionary process unfolding in historical time in which economists are faced with chronic information problems and radical uncertainty about the future - instead of approaches to theorizing that focus exclusively on the product of this process.
- (4) The concern is to address and encompass the interactive, social process through which economics is formed and changed - instead of a theoretical framework that takes economists and their interests as given.
- (5) It is appropriate to regard economics itself as a social institution, necessarily supported by a network of other social institutions - instead of an orientation that takes economics itself as an ideal or natural order and as a mere aggregation of individual economists.
- (6) It is evaluated how the socio-economic system is embedded in a complex ecological and environmental system - instead of a widespread tendency to ignore ecological and environmental considerations or consequences in the history of economics.

(7) The inquiry seeks to contribute not only to history of economics but also to economics - instead of an orthodox outlook that ignores the possibility of such cross-fertilization.

Preference will be given to original accounts, based on detailed archival or other research, aimed at yielding rich, sophisticated, understandings. Hence, papers that "do it" instead of those that "talk about doing it" are favored.

To participate, please submit a proposal containing 400-600 words and indicating clearly the sense in which the paper contributes to one of the theoretical perspectives of the research area.

The deadline for the submission of paper proposals is 31 MARCH 2000. Notice of acceptance or rejection will be sent on or before 30 APRIL 2000. Completed papers are due on 31 AUGUST 2000.

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Further information on the EAEPE 2000 conference can be found at:
<http://eaepe.tuwien.ac.at/conference.html>

Further information on the research area is at:
<http://www.eh.net/ehnet/Archives/hes/nov-98/0011.html>

The research area is also organizing a workshop on "The Economics of Scientific Publication" at Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands on 19 April 2000. Further information on this workshop is available at:

<http://www.eur.nl/fw/philecon/econpub.html> (to be updated soon)