

CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline for submissions: September 30, 2024

The Portuguese Association of Political Economy (EcPol) announces the *Call for Papers* for the 8th Annual Meeting of Political Economy, to be held at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra from January 30 to February 1, 2025. The theme for this year is “Political Economy for a Just Life. Theoretical and Practical Challenges”.

The meeting aims to bring together all those who, from the most diverse disciplinary fields and approaches, understand economic phenomena as being eminently shaped by social, political, philosophical, legal, cultural, technological and ecological factors. These factors should be studied within their institutional, historical, and geographical contexts.

The meeting will start with the “EcPol Winter School” on January 30 2025, where guest experts will stimulate discussions on the doctoral projects presented by the students.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

José Reis (Chairman of the Meeting)

Jayati Ghosh

Julie Froud

Other keynote speakers will be announced soon

PRESENTATION

In all their diversity, approaches to political economy recognise the inevitability of the intertwining of facts and values in economic and social policy and analysis. Economic institutions created politically, are never neutral: their normative justification, the distribution of their costs and benefits, and the goals and values pursued both individually and collectively reflect the power relations and ideological frames prevailing in a given historical context.

In a period marked by persistent injustices, multifaceted inequalities, stagnation, growing climate change and the precariousness of work and life, accompanied by processes of de-democratisation and distorted visions of freedom and justice, the neoliberal paradigm has begun to lose its global hegemony. This shift has given way to a period of interregnum, characterised by the emergence of heterogeneous and partial alternatives, but without the comprehensive global influence that neoliberalism had achieved.

Contested concepts such as justice, freedom, equality, democracy or citizenship are inexorably part of the evaluation and proposal for institutional transformation, transcending the impoverishing vision of utilitarianism - the spontaneous social philosophy of conventional economics. We need to reconsider what it means to

achieve a just life, starting from a pluralist approach to justice and injustice, the implications of freedom and equality, forms of property, value and life, human beings and nature, centres and peripheries, technological development and its contradictions, as well as the state and other implicit or explicit institutions.

The 8th Annual Meeting of Political Economy, therefore, challenges scientists and professionals from various fields, as well as the general public, to reflect on the relationship between the ways of organising the various spheres that constitute the substantive economy and the values that can legitimately be defended and institutionalised: from social, gender or climate justice, to democratic equality, the democratisation of the economy and 'real freedom' for all.

SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

We welcome proposals for panels from researchers, thematic sections or regional groups, as well as communications on the following topics, among others:

- Theories of value and social justice
- Welfare state and fundamental systems of provision
- Political economy of care
- Workplace democracy and democratic planning
- Social economy, solidarity economy and other economies
- Political ecology: degrowth, climate justice, more-than-human economy
- Deglobalisation, protectionism and geopolitics
- Industrial policies and structural change
- Financialisation and rentism
- Technological change and its normative implications.
- Political economy of the media
- Property regimes, labour relations and distributive justice
- Trade unionism, cooperativism and social movements
- Political economy, peripheries and coloniality
- Political economy, freedom, equality and happiness
- History and theories of political economy
- Methodological pluralism and teaching pedagogy

Proposals may be submitted for:

- 1) Communications;
- 2) Communications to panels organised by EcPol's thematic sections/regional centres:
 - Thematic panel on the Political Economy of Science and Technology ([more information here](#));
 - Thematic panel on the Philosophy and History of Political Economy ([more information here](#));
- 3) Free thematic panels consisting of 3 or 4 papers.

Communications relating to doctoral thesis projects should preferably be presented at the Winter School.

Proposals must be submitted in the language of the communications, with the option of Portuguese, Spanish or English.

Proposals for papers and thesis projects must contain the following information:

- i) Title;
- ii) Type of proposal (paper, thesis project);
- ii) Name, institutional affiliation and e-mail address of the proposer(s);
- iv) Abstract and 4 keywords (max. 400 words).

Panel proposals must contain the following information:

- i) Session title;
- ii) Summary of the session (max. 200 words);
- iii) Name, institutional affiliation and e-mail address of the panel proposer(s) and participants;
- iv) Title, abstract and keywords (max. 400 words) of the papers included.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals for papers and thesis projects should be submitted using the form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0zy1sOeSiHhGHgljdD_4u4ZmSs3kCbIJOHAiKwJ804lH94w/viewform

Papers to be included in the panels organised by EcPol thematic sections/regional branches should be submitted by e-mail:

- Thematic panel on the Political Economy of Science and Technology: by e-mail to jlgarcia@ics.ulisboa.pt and bela.irina.castro@gmail.com
- Thematic panel on the Philosophy and History of Political Economy: by e-mail to pedro.teixeira@cmb.hu-berlin.de and jbateira@hotmail.com

Proposals for free thematic panels should be submitted via email:

ecpol-8encontro@fe.uc.pt

IMPORTANT DATES

September 30 2024

Deadline for submitting proposals

October 31 2024

Notification of acceptance of proposals

November 29 2024

Registration for the Meeting and/or Winter School

December 15 2024
Late registration and payment

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