

## PRESENTATION - CALL FOR PAPERS

### Call for papers

In the current global landscape, economic and political dynamics are undergoing rapid and profound transformations, reshaping the fabric of societies and governance structures. The economic and political power interplay in recent U.S. presidential elections has sparked debates on the influence of wealth in democratic processes. Simultaneously, the European model of social protection, long considered a pillar of economic security and individual freedoms, faces mounting pressures from economic stagnation, demographic changes, and ideological challenges. At the global level, the rise of neo-mercantilism is leading to a contraction of international cooperation, with nation-states increasingly prioritizing national interests over multilateral agreements and globalization. Furthermore, the resurgence of populism across different political spectrums raises concerns about the erosion of democratic norms, the polarization of societies, and the potential consequences of economic nationalism.

As wealth inequality reaches unprecedented levels and the reciprocal influence between economic policies and political outcomes is widely debated, urgent questions emerge: how does economic power influence democratic institutions and policymaking? To what extent do technological advancements exacerbate or mitigate economic disparities? Is neoliberalism a sustainable framework for economic growth, or does it require re-evaluation in light of contemporary challenges?

The relationship between capitalism, democracy, and justice has long been a fundamental concern across disciplines, including economics, philosophy, political science, and the broader social sciences. This summer school will serve as a platform for students and scholars to critically engage with the intersections of capitalism, democracy, and justice through the lenses of the History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy, and Methodology.

#### *Topics of Interest*

- The Historical Evolution of Capitalism and Democratic Institutions
- Methodological Approaches to Analysing Capitalism and Democracy
- Contemporary Challenges at the Interface of Capitalism, Democracy and Justice
- Economic Power and the Defence of Liberal Democracy
- Nationalism vs. International Cooperation
- Neoliberalism and the Future of Capitalism
- Geo-economics in the history of economic thought between free trade and protectionism
- The Political Economy of Populism

WARNING: Whereas lectures given by senior scholars will deal with some of these issues, there is no specific theme for students' presentations. Ph.D. students and young scholars are thus invited to send proposals on any topic in the History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy, and Economic History.

### Guest Speakers

The Organizing committee and the Summer School Scientific committee select invited speakers based on their areas of expertise.

- Antonella Palumbo, University of Roma 3, “Market, institutions and conflict in the history of economic thought”
- Carlo Cristiano, University of Pisa, “Unemployment before Keynes: economic theory and practical politics”
- Alessandro Roncaglia, University of Rome Sapienza and Accademia dei Lincei, “Division of labour and social stratification: some debates in the history of economic thought”
- Odile Lakomski, Université de Picardie Jules Verne, France, “title to be confirmed”
- Giacomo Gabbuti, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa, Italy, “Inequality and the crisis of democracy and capitalism: economic facts and ideas from Interwar Europe”.

## Organization of the School

Lectures will be given by guest speakers on topics related to the School. Speakers are selected by the Scientific Committee of the Summer School and local organisers based on their areas of expertise and competencies. Each speaker gives a lecture of an hour, and takes part in tutorials offered to students.

Four to eight papers by young scholars will be presented each day on open themes, chosen on the basis of the students’ fields of research, related to the history of economic thought, economic history and methodology. These presentations will take place in the presence of the members of the scientific committee and of invited speakers, and profit from their various expertise. Each presentation is commented on by a discussant, chosen among young scholars, followed by a discussion with the floor.

Tutorials (one-to-one discussion between young scholars and members of the Scientific Committee) help Ph.D. students to prepare their research works for further diffusion and publication.

## Scientific Committee

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