

4th Annual Political Economy Meeting

Development in its Labyrinth:

Challenges of a Transformative Political Economy

28 and 30 January 2021
Universidade de Évora

Since the emergence of the idea that it was possible to improve people's living conditions through a transformation of economic, social and political structures, Development has assumed itself as the founding purpose of Political Economy. The historical context provided so. Indeed, the industrial revolution initiated in the late eighteenth century inaugurated an era of economic growth without historical parallel and seemed able to make way for the resolution of the extreme poverty that affected the overwhelming majority of the world's population. Given the optimism that characterized the first steps of Political Economy, soon came the first criticisms, however. Jean Charles Sismondi said for example that a science that concerns only the means to increase wealth without studying the purpose of such wealth is a false science.

Today, the challenges posed to Development are innumerable. On the one hand, development struggles with epistemological issues that call into question some of its basic principles such as economic growth and the universality of its purposes. On the other hand, the spectrum of the depletion of resources, climate change and the limits of globalization, of which the pandemic COVID-19 is an example, are a few among many other phenomena that question the very possibility of development.

In order to reflect on the transformative nature of Political Economy, the Portuguese Association of Political Economy announces the call for papers for the **4th Annual Political Economy Meeting to be held at the University of Évora between 28 and 30 January 2021** on the theme of "**Development in its Labyrinth: Challenges of a Transformative Political Economy**". The Meeting will begin with a **Winter School** that will take place on **January 28, 2021**, and be on the theme "**Thinking Development: scales, challenges and policies.**"

The meeting aims to bring together all those who, from different disciplines and approaches understand economic phenomena as being eminently configured by social, political, legal, cultural, technological and ecological factors and should be studied in their historical, geographical and institutional contexts.

Confirmed speakers

Ha-Joon Chang (University of Cambridge, UK)

Carlos Lopes (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

Papers that address, among others, the following topics are accepted:

- Environment and sustainable development
- Development and well-being indicators
- Growth versus degrowth
- Economic crisis and public policies
- Globalization, deglobalization and pandemics
- Institutions and governance
- Inequalities and human rights
- Cultures, territories and development models
- Technology, innovation and the future of work

Proposals for: **1)** papers, **2)** thematic panels composed of 3 or 4 papers and **3)** doctoral thesis projects can be submitted.

Proposals must be submitted in the papers' language, and Portuguese or English may be chosen.

Paper proposals and thesis projects must contain the following information:

- i) name, institutional affiliation and e-mail (s) of applicant (s);
- ii) Type of proposal (paper, thesis project);
- iii) Title and 4 keywords;
- iv) Summary (max 800 words).

Panel proposals should contain the following information:

- i) Name, institutional affiliation and email address of the proponent (s) of the panel and the participants;
- ii) Title of the session and of papers;
- iii) Summary of the session and of papers (max. 800 words each).

Important dates:

September 20, 2020: Deadline for submission of proposals
18 October 2020: Notification of acceptance
November 15, 2020: Registration at the meeting and payment
November 15, 2020: Winter School enrollment and payment
December 20, 2020: Late registration and payment

Registration fees:

Participants until November 15th

EcPol members - 40 euros
Student and unemployed members - 20 euros
Others - 75 euros

Participants until December 20

EcPol members - 60 euros
Students and unemployed members - 30 euros
Others - 95 euros

Winter School and doctoral projects - 20 euros (free for participants with accepted papers at the meeting)

Assistance - 20 euros

Proposals should be sent to the following address:

4encontro@economiapolitica.pt

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