

**ICAPE 2026 In-Person Conference Program**  
**Monday and Tuesday, January 5-6, 2026, Lasalle University**  
**Founders' Hall, 5698 Wister St, Philadelphia, PA 19144**

**Registration/Check in 4:00-4:30 PM, Founders Hall**

**Session 1, Monday, January 5, 4:30 - 6:15 PM (3 concurrent sessions)**

**1A Evolution, Institutions and Economic Power (AFEE1).** Chair: Rojhat Avsar

- Tanweer Akram, Bermuda Monetary Authority, and Khawaja Mamum, Longwood University: *The Evolution of Income Inequality, Its Macroeconomic Consequences, and Some Policy Measures*
- Rojhat Avsar, Columbia College Chicago: *Cognitive Theory of Institutions: The Case of Machine Learning*
- Rafed Amin Al-Huq, Tulane University: *Power, Corruption, and Sudden Cascade Effects in Population Behavior*
- Matthew van den Berg, Truckee Meadows Community College, and John Willoughby, American University: *The Expanding Economic Power of Public Universities and their Administrators*

**1B Finance, Sustainability, and Development.** Chair: Gary Dymski

- Gary Dymski and Lesslie Valencia Vera, University of Leeds: *Can national development banks and blended finance lead us to a sustainable future? Connecting global missions to community voice in an era of besieged national states*
- Massimo Cingolani, Université de Bordeaux and Eugenio Leanza, EIB: *SDGs and public banks: what additionality should development finance aim for?*
- Janak Tripathi, South Asian University and Samridhi Gyawali, Tribhuvan University: *Reimagining Investment Culture in the Stock Market: Networks, Narratives, and the Fictional Construction of Market Value*
- Hugo Iasco Pereira, Federal U. of Paraná and Bruno Rubin, UFPR: *Sectoral markup and its determinants in the Brazilian manufacturing*
- Adam Kerenyi, Elte University: *The catching up of the Hungarian economy in the European Union and Hungary's falling behind among the post socialist member states*

**1C Teaching Pluralistically.** Chair: Alex Binder

- Alexander Binder, Pittsburg State University and Avraham Baranes, Elmhurst University: *Teaching Administered Prices to Principles of Economics Students*
- Alexandria O'Keefe Eisenbarth, Seattle University: *The Case and Opportunity for Values-Centered Transmission Mechanisms: Uniting Jesuit Education and Stratification Economics*
- Raechelle Mascarenhas, Willamette University: *Teaching Introductory Students About Production, Distribution and Power in Contemporary Economics*

**2 Plenary Dinner (included), Mon. January 5, 6:20 - 8:00 PM. Roundtable Topic: Trump 2, Year 1: Assessments, Challenges and Opportunities for Heterodox Economists** Roundtable participants: Geoff Schneider, Bucknell University (chair); Paddy Quick, URPE; Reynold Nesiba, Augustana University; Steve Paschall, AFEE; Howard Stein, University of Michigan.

**Session 3, Tuesday, January 6, 8:30 - 10:15 AM (2 concurrent sessions )**

**3A Law, the State and Populism.** Chair: Thomas Kemp.

- Thomas Kemp, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: *The Legal Foundations of Property 1979-2020*
- Michael Cauvel, University of Southern Maine, and Jon Wisman, American University: *Revisiting Economists' Views of the State*
- Hendrik Van den Berg, UMass Amherst: *The United States under Trump: Sinking to a New Low Or Just Returning to Normal?*
- John Komlos, U. of Munich: *Neoliberal Economic Policy and the Rise of Right-Wing Populism: Western Civilization at the Crossroads*
- Raven Brown, URPE: *How Economic Pluralism can Defeat Democratic Decay and Socioeconomic Inequality*

**3B Research in Feminist Political Economy.** Chair: Katherine Moos.

- Katherine Moos, University of Massachusetts Amherst: *Choice Words: Neoliberal ideology, market logic and mainstream feminism*
- Tracey Freiberg, St. John's U. & Ning Li, Salisbury: *Good Debt, Bad Debt: Gendered Consequences of Paid Leave Policies for New Parents*
- Lorena Valle Cuéllar and Sarah Small, University of Utah: *A History of Feminist Macroeconomics: Developments from Gender in Macroeconomics Working Groups*
- Paddy Quick, URPE: *Beyond the Extraction of Surplus Value to the Extraction of Surplus Labor*

**Session 4, Tuesday, January 6, 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM (2 concurrent sessions)**

**4A Neoliberalism, Capitalism and Institutional Change (AFEE2).** Chair: Matias Vernengo.

- Matias Vernengo, Bucknell University: *Power, Institutions & Neoclassical Economics: Milton Friedman and the Rise of Neoliberalism*
- Paolo Ramazzotti, Universita Di Macerata: *The Neoliberal Paradox, Cultural Segmentation and Common Sense*
- Felipe Almeida & Beliza Borba de Almeida, Federal Univ, of Parana: *The Possible Future of Capitalism: An Institutional Approach*
- Larry Wigger, University of Missouri-Kansas City: *Economic Power, Institutional Tensions, and Societal Futures: An Analysis of Robert Heinlein's Speculative Fiction*
- Blandine Ekpodile-Domingo and Wilfred Dolfsma, Wageningen University, Souleimane A. Adekambi, University of Parakou: *Does the Law Promote Women Entrepreneurship?*

**4B Teaching Political Economy in the Era of AI.** Chair: Geoff Schneider.

- Geoff Schneider, Bucknell University : *Towards a New Model of Teaching Writing in the Era of Artificial Intelligence*
- Thomas Kemp, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: *Artificial intelligence and the classroom: An unavoidable complication. Strategies for the teaching of first-year economics*
- Oak McCoy, University of New England: *A.I. and the History of Economic Thought: The Odd Couple to Reinvigorate Critical Thinking and Economic Education*
- Jack Reardon, Founding Editor, International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education: *In an age of AI, and as we transition to Net Zero, does economics need a theory of the firm*

**5 Lunch Plenary (included), 12:20-2:25 PM. Topic: The Crisis in Heterodox Graduate Programs in the U.S.**

**Panelists: Geoff Schneider (Bucknell University, Chair), Katherine Moos (UMass Amherst), Matias Vernengo (Bucknell University)**

With the suspension of the PhD program at The New School and the PhD program at the University of Utah being absorbed by the mainstream program in the business school, our ability to reproduce heterodox economists is at an all-time low. What can we do going forward to ensure that heterodox economics has a future in the U.S.

**Session 6, 2:30 - 4:15 PM (2 concurrent sessions)**

**6A Money, Finance and Credit (AFEE3).** Chair: Erdogan Bakir, Bucknell University.

- Jean Maier, Independent Scholar: *Revisioning Economics: Exchange Rates for a Livable Planet: Currency Valuations as a New Framework for Incentives for Sustainable Development and Peace*
- Theodore Raitzer, University of Missouri-Kansas City: *State Power and Institutional Reconfiguration of the Monetary System: The Case of the Second Bank of the United States*
- Takashi Satoh, Ritsumeikan University: *A New Formulation of Commercial Credit in the Marxian Circuit of Capital: Interpreting with Imaginary Money*
- Sam Levey, Illinois College: *A Test of the Monopoly Money Model of Price Level Determination*

**6B Gender, Class, Caste and Inequality** Chair: Jacob Powell, Bucknell University

- Milena Dehn and Elissa Braunstein, Colorado State University: *Public Debt and Gender Equality*
- CK Miller, UNLV: *Pink vs. Blue Collar Union Wage Effects: A Case Study of Hospitality Workers in Las Vegas and Reno*
- Nandagopan & Kozhikode Choudhary, Indian Inst. of Management: *Innovation—for Whom? Caste, Precarity, & the Myth of Progress*
- Jacob Antolini, Sirisha Naidu, & Jonah Petitjean, UMKC: *Bringing Home the Bacon: Meatpacking in Missouri and Kansas*
- Taimoor Shaukat Malik, U.Mass. Amherst: *Beyond Biology: The Socioeconomic Foundations of Mental Health in America*

**4:15-6:00 PM Reception featuring appetizers, beer and wine (included).**