

Call for Papers

The Forum for Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies (FMM) holds its 28th annual conference

PROGRESSIVE PERSPECTIVES IN TIMES OF POLYCRISIS

24-26 October 2024, Berlin

featuring **introductory lectures** on pluralist economics for graduate students on **24 October 2024**.

The world is facing a variety of severe challenges that are in tension with one another. On the one hand, there is a perceived necessity for an investment offensive bring about decarbonisation. As the paradigm of the night-watchman state is (slowly) disappearing, governments around the globe are developing strategies for structural change that they hope will be growth-enhancing. On the other hand, demographic ageing and the desire for a better work-life balance raise doubts in the Global North whether economic growth is possible or meaningful. In times of accelerating digitalization, spreading post-materialistic norms and more demands for gender equality, calls for shorter and more flexible working hours are emerging. These debates are taking place against a backdrop of geopolitical tensions and wars. The current system of the global division of production and trade in value chains is under question. It is viewed as inherently unjust from the perspective of the Global South. From the perspective of the Global North, the supply of affordable fossil and mineral resources is jeopardized, and yet conflicts over resources crucial for electrification and a "green growth model" become geostrategic battlegrounds. At our conference, we will focus on progressive perspectives to face these challenges. What can macroeconomists from different schools of thought contribute to these debates?

The **submission of papers in the following areas** is particularly encouraged:

- Structural Change and Industrial Policy
- Macroeconomic Impacts of Decarbonization and the Role of the Government in the Transition
- Potential for and Desirability of Economic Growth
- Paid and Unpaid Working Time in Times of Structural Change, Ageing and Digitalization
- Distributional Consequences of the Ecological Transition within countries and between regions
- Effects of Geopolitical Tensions on Trade, Production and Employment

Submissions on the general subjects of the FMM, macroeconomics and macroeconomic policy analysis and modelling, are encouraged as well. **Women are strongly encouraged to apply.** We particularly welcome submissions for **graduate student sessions**. Those who have already presented a paper at a student session in previous FMM conferences should submit to the regular sessions to improve chances for newcomers. There will also be a day of **introductory lectures** for graduate students prior to the opening panel on 24 October. Hotel costs will be covered for graduate student presenters (max. four nights). Details will be announced in decision letters by mid-August. A limited number of travel stipends for graduate student presenters will be sponsored by INET's Young Scholar Initiative (YSI). The conference will take place as an **in-person event**.

Submissions – an extended abstract of max. 400 words, clearly outlining the research question, method and results – are to be made electronically via this [web application](#). The **deadline is 31 May 2024**. Decisions will be made by mid-July and will be based on **clarity, relevance and originality** of the abstracts. After acceptance, full papers are due by **30 September** and will be posted on the [conference web page](#). Selected papers may be published in a special issue of the FMM's peer reviewed **European Journal of Economics and Economic Policies: Intervention (EJEEP)**.

Registration details for the conference and the introductory lectures will be available via the [conference web page](#).

Organizing committee of the conference:

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