Call for Papers

The Research Network Macroeconomics and Macroeconomic Policies (FMM) organises its 16th conference on

The State of Economics after the Crisis

25 – 27 October 2012, Berlin

with introductory lectures on heterodox economics for graduate students on 25 October 2012

It is obvious that the experience of the global economic crisis, now commonly referred to as the “Great Recession”, will also change economics as a discipline. The mainstream textbook economics, based on the fiction of rational economic agents and efficient markets, have clearly failed to foresee the crisis and cannot explain its underlying causes. But although various deviant schools of thought have always been critical of the free market economics, the “Great Recession” came as a big surprise also to many heterodox economists. Moreover, a new mainstream economics has not yet emerged from the intellectual bankruptcy of the previous dominant paradigm. This year’s FMM conference asks the question: What is, and what should be, the state of economics after the crisis?

Speakers in plenary sessions: Robert Frank (Cornell University), John King (La Trobe University), Richard Koo (Nomura Research Institute), Michael Kumhof (International Monetary Fund), Tom Stanley (Hendrix College), Achim Truger (Berlin School of Economics).

The submission of papers in the following areas is encouraged:

- The relationship between microeconomics and macroeconomics
- Implications of experimental and behavioural microeconomics for alternative macroeconomics
- Towards a more coherent post-Keynesian paradigm
- Institutional impediments for a scientific revolution in economics

For the open part of the conference the submission of papers on the general subject of the Research Network is encouraged as well. We also ask for the submission of papers for graduate student sessions on both the specific topic of this conference and the general subject of the FMM. Hotel costs will be covered for participants presenting in the graduate student sessions.

The deadline for paper proposals is 4 June 2012. Please send an abstract (one page) to fmm@boeckler.de. Decisions will be made in early July. Registration forms for the introductory lectures and the conference will be made available online in mid July. Accepted papers should be sent in by 15 October to be posted on the conference web page. Selected papers will be published after the conference. Conference language is English.

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