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**Call for Contributions – PhD Workshop  
Economics (LUBS), and the School of Politics and International Studies  
University of Leeds (UK)  
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**Gender and Race Imbalances of the ‘Great Moderation’ and the ‘Great Recession’**

The two decades preceding the onset of the financial crisis in 2007 have been characterised by low and stable inflation and low output variability. For this reason, economists have labelled this period the ‘Great Moderation’. Starting in August 2007 the ‘Great Moderation’ has been replaced by one of the worst global recessions on record, the ‘Great Recession’, and then by an on-going period of slow or no economic growth. One of the most striking features of the ‘Great Recession’ and its aftermath is the creation of persistent levels of high unemployment, especially in the USA. Compared with job declines in the second post-war period, the recent decline in employment stands out as one of the longest and of the most severe. However, there is another feature of the ‘Great Recession’ and its aftermath which is not less striking: the gender, race and ethnicity stratification of the labour market. Indeed, there is increasing evidence showing that the current economic downturn, together with the widespread public spending cuts and austerity measures that followed it, have been far from homogenous, hitting women and minorities disproportionately.

The Economics Division of Leeds University Business School (LUBS) and the School of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) are jointly organising a two-day workshop to investigate the impact of the ‘Great Moderation’ (or earlier periods), the ‘Great Recession’, and its aftermath on the gender, race and ethnicity stratification in the USA, Europe and other countries. The first day will bring together academics with a long track record in the areas of macroeconomics, income inequality, and gender, race and ethnicity imbalances. Confirmed speakers include, Philip Arestis, Aurélie Charles, Gary Dymski, J.K. Galbraith, Jill Rubery, Malcolm Sawyer, Stephanie Seguino, Mark Stuart, Jennifer Tomlinson, and Brigitte Young. The second and third day are aimed at supporting PhD students working on gender, race and ethnicity imbalances. PhD students will give extended presentations on their research and will receive detailed feedback from assigned discussants. A roundtable with senior researchers and journal editors on how to conduct research and publish in leading journals is also planned. The workshop is funded by COST Action ISO 902 “Systemic Risk and the Financial Crisis” and is supported by the Post Keynesian Study Group (PKSG).

If you are a PhD student working on gender, race and ethnicity imbalances, and you are interested in presenting your work at the workshop, please send an extended abstract (800-1000 words) to Annina Kaltenbrunner ([A.Kaltenbrunner@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:A.Kaltenbrunner@leeds.ac.uk)) by the 19th April. In your e-mail, please also copy in Charles Danreuther ([ipicd@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:ipicd@leeds.ac.uk)) and Giuseppe Fontana ([gf@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:gf@leeds.ac.uk)). Thanks to the financial support of COST and the PKSG, university accommodation and some support for travel costs (within UK and Europe only) is available. If you require university accommodation and/or travel support, please state so in your submission with an estimate of the expected travel costs.