

IIPPE Introductory Training Workshop in Heterodox Economics and Political Economy

As the end of the current crises and the ensuing policies of austerity are nowhere in sight, discomfort and disconcert with the rigid scholastic dogmatism pervading the discipline of economics is rife. In particular, both the students of economics and the general public are increasingly dissatisfied with the lack of pluralism in the discipline, its teaching and the conventional wisdom following from it. However, economic thinking is not as monolithic as the mainstream of the discipline tends to portray it, and as it can often appear to outsiders. Pluralist and heterodox forms of economic thinking, committed to realism and practical relevance, exist and offer significant alternative theories, policies and insight. Following the success of previous Training Workshops, the **International Initiative for the Promotion of Political Economy** (<http://iippe.org>) will run a **one-day introductory training workshop in Heterodox Economics and Political Economy** on the **31st of March 2014** at the **Leeds University Business School**, Leeds, on the following theme: **“Marx, Keynes and Economic Crises in the 20th and 21st Centuries”**. We are seeking an audience of engaged participants, including undergraduate and postgraduate students, junior academics, activists or otherwise active members of civil society, who have a particular interest in getting acquainted with, or expanding their knowledge of, heterodox economics and political economy. The workshop assumes no prior knowledge of the subject matter.

Programme

09'00 – 09'45: Registration.

10'00 – 11'30: Professor Malcolm Sawyer – Heterodox Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy: an introduction.

11'30 – 11'45: Coffee Break.

11'45 – 13'15: Professor David Spencer – The Case for Working Less.

13'15 – 14'30: Lunch.

14'30 – 16'00: Dr Annina Kaltenbrunner – Developing Countries in the Global Financial Crisis: a Minskyan account.

16'00 – 16'15: Coffee Break.

16'15 – 17'45: Professor Gary Dymski – Subprime Meltdown, Eurozone Crisis, Shadow banking, Quantitative easing: The failure of the era of empowered financial capital, or its triumph?

17'45 – 18'15: Wrapping up – Round Table Discussion.

Coffee/tea and lunch will be provided to those registered by 09'45. **The Leeds workshop takes place one week after the Training Workshop on class formation in London (SOAS).** For any further info on this other IIPPE workshop, please contact ew23@soas.ac.uk