CALL FOR SESSIONS

The rise of new growth poles and the emergence of new global institutional dynamics are challenging the old divide between the developed and developing world. Although the majority of the world population has experienced improved living standards, there seems to be rising popular discontent with globalization as economic inequalities between and within nations are rising across the world.

As many now question whether globalization is compatible with inclusive societies, we must ask what lessons may be drawn from previous waves of globalization. What can be learned from the institutional changes involved in terms of both economic development and the distribution of the effects of globalization on the standards of living and capabilities of people? We must also ask if inclusive institutional strategies such as a renewed role of the welfare state can play an active role in contemporary societies.

Organised in collaboration with the Department of Economic History at Lund University, Sweden, the Sixth WINIR Conference will explore these and other related issues. Contributions from any discipline, theoretical approach or methodology that address the challenges and dynamics of the economic, political, legal and social institutions of our time are welcome.

The conference will open on the afternoon of Thursday 19 September 2019 and end with a dinner on Saturday 21 September. There will be an optional guided tour on Sunday 22 September.

Keynotes lectures will be given by:
- Deepa Narayan (independent)
- Shellagh Ogilvie (Cambridge)
- Bo Rothstein (Gothenburg)

A call for individual papers will open in December 2018.

In the meantime, we invite proposals for sessions exploring the role institutions play in linking equality of opportunity with greater access to education, public goods, markets, and broader political participation. Proposals that encompass global and/or comparative perspectives are particularly welcome. We also invite proposals on any other aspects of institutional research, with a strong preference for those relating to the WINIR aims and research priorities.

Four-paper session proposals, to be made online at www.winir.org, must include: a session outline (300 words max.), the titles of the papers, and a list of their authors. Authors will be invited to submit individual abstracts. The deadline for complete session proposals is 14 December 2018. Proposals with missing abstracts will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered.

Notifications will be sent to session proposers in early January 2019.

All submissions must be explicitly about institutions and/or institutional thought, and are evaluated by the WINIR Scientific Quality Committee: Bas Van Bavel (Utrecht, history), Geoff Hodgson (Loughborough, economics), Uskali Mäki (Helsinki, philosophy), Katharina Pistor (Columbia, law), Sven Steinmo (EUI, Politics) Wolfgang Streeck (MPIfG, sociology), Linda Weiss (Sydney, politics).

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