

Call for Abstracts

First Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy

March 24–26, 2021, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) is hosting the *First Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy*. The event aims at building bridges and finding commonalities among young scholars whose research is addressing the complex linkages between economic and social action. It will give PhD students at all stages the opportunity to present their work and receive constructive and well-informed feedback from an audience of peers.

The virtual conference is organized by the doctoral researchers of the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE). This graduate program combines approaches from economic sociology, organizational sociology, and comparative and international political economy. Its research explores the relationship between the modern economy and its social and political foundations. For further information see <http://imprs.mpifg.de>.

Reflecting the School's broad multi- and interdisciplinary program, the three-day conference will bring together junior researchers in the fields of economic sociology, political economy, organization studies, and related disciplines. It aims to foster dialogue and promote synergies among those studying the mutual interdependence and complex interactions between the economy and society by providing a platform for interdisciplinary exchange on topics such as (but not limited to):

- Democracy, Representation, and Populism
- Economic and Financial Policymaking
- Inequality and Stratification
- Labor Market Actors, Institutions, and Policies
- Market Sociology
- Migration and Immigrant Populations
- Social Movements and Non-Governmental Actors

Details on submission procedure and planned schedule follow below.

Conference Details

The conference will be held online, 24–26 March, 2021. It will be hosted by the *International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy* (IMPRS-SPCE). In addition to six panel sessions, there will be a keynote lecture, virtual coffee breaks and get-togethers. Despite its digital format, the desired spirit of the conference will be one of close interaction and discussion. We would therefore like to emphasize that participation is strongly encouraged and expected throughout the whole schedule. We will make every effort to have enjoyable digital coffee breaks and to have conversations and meeting points as if it was a non-digital session.

Participants will be asked to submit a short draft paper and prepare a brief presentation (ca. 10 minutes) of their research. Work in early exploratory and conceptual stages is welcome. Each paper will be commented on by a discussant.

Submission Details

The papers must be authored by current PhD researchers. Submissions co-authored by a PhD researcher are also welcomed. However, the presentation of the paper at the conference has to be given exclusively by the PhD researcher.

Interested scholars can apply by submitting a 300–500 word abstract including the research topic and the theoretical and methodological approach of their proposed paper to:

phdconference@mpifg.de by November 8, 2020

Please add a few remarks regarding your affiliation and your general research interests.

Successful applicants will be notified by November 30, 2020 and are expected to submit a draft paper of roughly 4000–6000 words by February 15, 2021.

For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the conference organizers via

phdconference@mpifg.de.

Key Dates

November 8, 2020	Deadline for Application
November 30, 2020	Notification of Acceptance
December 31, 2020	Deadline for Registration
January 15, 2021	Announcement of the Final Conference Program
February 15, 2021	Submission of Draft Papers
March 24 to 26, 2021	Conference

Preliminary Schedule

Wednesday, March 24		Thursday, March 25		Friday, March 26	
12:30 pm	Welcome and short round of introduction	1:30 pm	Digital coffee reception	1:30 pm	Digital coffee reception
1 pm	Keynote Prof. Sigrid Quack	2 pm 2:45 pm	Panel 3 Presenter 5 Presenter 6	2 pm 2:45 pm	Panel 5 Presenter 9 Presenter 10
1:30 pm	Digital coffee break	3:30 pm	Digital coffee break	3:30 pm	Digital coffee break
2 pm 2:45 pm	Panel 1 Presenter 1 Presenter 2	4 pm 4:45 pm	Panel 4 Presenter 7 Presenter 8	4 pm 4:45 pm	Panel 6 Presenter 11 Presenter 12
3:30 pm	Digital coffee break	End 5:30 pm		5:30 pm	Closing remarks
4 pm 4:45 pm	Panel 2 Presenter 3 Presenter 4			End 6 pm	
End 5:30 pm					