Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

2022 SASE Annual Conference

Call for Papers

Hard Deadline: 25 January 2022

Submissions and registration are now open for SASE's 34th Annual Conference, "Fractious Connections: Anarchy, Activism, Coordination, and Control", 9-11 July 2022 at the University of Amsterdam.

Conference Theme Description

Being "well connected" has traditionally been associated with having influential friends or relatives in "high places". Privileged levels of social and economic capital differentiate them from the "poorly connected" in diverse, economically poor, but potentially socially rich communities. In the digital age, the implicitly positive association of being "well connected" implies being "plugged in", "on the scene", informed and involved with "what's happening".

However, a growing critique of being "over connected" or "disconnected" from mainstream economic and political life is forcefully apparent in the recent Ken Loach films: I, Daniel Blake and Sorry We Missed You. We are increasingly becoming aware of public, policy and academic debates about the "right to disconnect" or movements to increase "connectivity" for dislocated communities. But a closer examination of the concept of "connectedness" is needed to understand how strong and weak connections unfold at different levels and across different societies for disparate communities.

In "The Strength of Weak Ties" Granovetter wrote, "the personal experience of individuals is closely bound up with larger-scale aspects of social structure, well beyond the purview or control of particular individuals. Linkage of micro and macro levels is thus no luxury but of central importance to the development of sociological theory. Such linkages generate

paradoxes: weak ties, often denounced as generative of alienation are here seen as indispensable to individuals' opportunities and to their integration into communities; strong ties, breeding local cohesion, lead to overall fragmentation. Paradoxes are a welcome antidote to theories which explain everything all too neatly." (1973:1377-8).

The paradoxical experience of connectedness has been poignantly evident on political stages around the world. The heated, and deadly, debates surrounding Brexit, Black Lives Matters and the storming of the US Capitol in 2021 illustrate the very fractious climate where these connections are being vociferously, and sometimes violently, contested.

The overarching theme of the SASE 2022 conference will be to explore the paradox of Fractious Connections. This will be done through the lens of four key concepts that have received varying degrees of attention in comparative political economy: Anarchism, Activism, Coordination, and Control.

The concept of Coordination in comparative political economy has received considerable attention in relation to debates around the Varieties of Capitalism. But has digital disruption undermined this coordination?

The concept of Control has been used to understand the labor process; but how is this evolving in relation to digital surveillance at work and in politics?

The concepts of Anarchy and Activism have, relatively speaking, received much less attention within the SASE community.

Activism is frequently discussed within an Industrial Relations framework. While traditional male, manufacturing union membership has declined; a plethora of new forms of organizing for an emergent "gig" workforce has included the voices of younger, female, and ethnically diverse communities. We need to know more about these developments evolving outside established organizations.

Anarchy is not often discussed in comparative political economy, although there is a vibrant discourse in international relations (Hedley Bull 1977), and in the work of Chomsky (1994). Understanding how disruptive digital practices have emerged anarchically exposes new structures and organization of power, opportunity, and oppression.

Re-examining these concepts and developments relates back to the work of Granovetter in connecting the individual experiences with global societal structures to understand the paradoxical way fractious connections are evolving.

While these concepts will inform the overall theme of the 34th SASE annual conference, a wide range of contributions are encouraged to participate in one of the 18 vibrant networks, or submit proposals to host a mini-conference.

SASE provides a platform for creative empirical and theoretical research on key social problems. We are committed to supporting a diverse international membership encouraging lively intellectual and interdisciplinary debates. So whether you are new to SASE, or a seasoned aficionado, we look forward to seeing you in Amsterdam!

How to submit a proposal

Once logged into **sase.org**, simply click on the green "Submissions (SASE 2022)" button in the top right-hand corner of the SASE website to begin the submission process. If you need to create a login for the SASE site, you can do so **here**.

Please consult the list of **perennial SASE networks** and **this year's mini-conference theme tracks** to determine where your submission fits best.

Dates to bear in mind

25 January 2022: Deadline for paper submissions to the SASE conference

March 2022: Acceptance and rejection notification letters sent out

15 June 2022: deadline for full papers, to be given to discussants for review (for theme tracks that require full paper uploads)

9-11 July 2022: SASE annual conference

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SOEP 2022 - 14th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference

Berlin, June 30-July 1, 2022

SOEP 2022 at DIW Berlin

The 14th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2022) will be held in **Berlin** from **June 30 to July 1, 2022 at DIW Berlin.**

The conference provides researchers who use the SOEP (including the SOEP part of the Cross-National Equivalent File (CNEF), LIS/LWS data, SOEP-IS, and SOEP-EU-SILC Clone) with the opportunity to present and discuss their work with their peers. Researchers from **all disciplines** (e.g., economics, demography, geography, political science, public health, psychology, and sociology) are invited to submit an abstract.

We particularly welcome contributions examining the **economic, political, psychological, and social consequences of technological change and digitalization** in the workplace and in everyday life outside of work. In addition, we encourage submissions beyond this thematic focus, particularly submissions using the longitudinal features of SOEP and submissions on **survey methodology** and **cross-national comparative analysis**.

Keynote Speakers

We are happy to announce as keynote speakers:

Prof. Dr. Anja Abendroth | Bielefeld University
Prof. Arne Kalleberg, Ph.D | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Scientific Committee

- Marco **Caliendo**, University of Potsdam
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Deadline for Submissions: January 28, 2022

Please submit electronic versions of abstracts (up to 300 words) no later than **January 31, 2022** to: soep2022@diw.de
Submitters will be notified by **March 14, 2022**, on whether their paper has been **accepted.**

Best Paper Prize

The Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin will honor the best three papers presented at the conference with the Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prize. The SOEP2022 scientific program committee will act as a jury and will present the award at the end of the conference.

Conference Fee

We are obliged to charge a regular conference fee of 150 EUR and a reduced fee of 90 EUR for students and enrolled PhD students.

Financial Support

We ask scholars to pay their own travel costs. If this is not possible, partial reimbursement of expenses may be provided to presenters (one grant per paper) upon request. Information on how to apply for travel support will be provided after notification of acceptance.

Local Organizers

Theresa Entringer, Carsten Schröder, Philipp Lersch (scientific program)
Janina Britzke (conference management)

If you have any further questions, please contact the local organizers at: **soep2022@diw.de**

Conference Homepage **www.diw.de/soep2022**