

Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics (EIPE)

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University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU Donostia-San Sebastián Spain

The International Network for Economic Method (INEM), the Centre for Humanities Engaging Science and Society (CHESS, Durham) and the Erasmus Institute for Economics and Philosophy (EIPE) will be holding an International Summer School in Economics and Philosophy for graduate students and researchers.

The Summer School is part of the UPV/EHU XXXV Summer Courses and XXVIII European Courses and continues the series initiated by the Urrutia Elejalde Foundation (UEF).

Lecturers

- François Claveau, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada: "Philosophy of post-2007 Central Banking"
- Catherine Herfeld, LMU Munich, Germany: "Appraising Rational Choice Theory in the Context of Economic Practices"
- Harold Kincaid, University of Cape Town, South Africa: "Scientific Realism and Models" and "Assessing the Importance of Behavioral Economics"

Convenors

- Julian Reiss, Durham University, UK
- Conrad Heilmann, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Philippe Verreault-Julien, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands (graduate student assistant)

Aims

In the last couple of decades the economics discipline has become more diverse in its fields of enquiry and especially its methods. Many economists have become more open towards neighbouring disciplines; some now regularly collaborate with psychologists to provide the behavioural foundations for choice theory and modellers look to alternative approaches from complexity theory and agent-based modelling. Likewise, after the recent financial and economic crises, many economists are striving to rebuild and strengthen the structures that were hit and others are taking the opportunity to open their horizons. All these new research avenues and, in particular, the crises have made the need for philosophical reflection within the discipline evident. Methodological, theoretical, and ethical problems are at the core of the discussion of the causes of the crises, the ways to go back to prosperous paths of growth and employment, and new approaches to doing economics.

The aim of the Summer School in Economics and Philosophy is to present a variety of topics in economics in which philosophical reflection is important and useful. It will bring together graduate students with scholars from economics, philosophy and neighbouring disciplines in order to exchange ideas, build a community and strengthen the link between economics and philosophy.

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