

THE JOHN JAY-NEW SCHOOL CONFERENCE ON CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL ECONOMY

2026 Conference Schedule

(Updated February 23, 2026)

FRIDAY

Welcome and Coffee: 8:00am

Session 1: 8:30 - 9:20

A1. Contested Dissent: Technogarchic Control, Illiberal Drift, and Alternative Journalism in the U.S.

- 1) Aaron Hyzen. aaron.hyzen@asc.upenn.edu
- 2) Hilde Van den Bulck. hdv26@drexel.edu

B1. Panel discussion on John McDermott's *Individual Rights Over Economic Equality*

Panel Chair: Frinde Maher

- 1) Madhav Ramachandran, PhD candidate at the Department of Economics, The New School,
- 2) Michael Kpade, BA, The New School

Discussion: Michael Meeropol

C1. Radicalizing Local Government Budgets

- 1) **New York City Countercyclical Fiscal Policy Potential.** Amanda Page-Hoongrajok. amanda_pagehoongrajo@fitnyc.edu
- 2) **Private Governments and Fiscal Conflict: Metropolitan Districts and Property Tax Competition in Colorado.** Kendall Stephenson. Kendall.Stephenson@colostate.edu

D1. Topics in Political Economy

- 1) **Scarcity by Design: Land Monopoly and the Rise of High-Rent Commodities.** F. T. C. Manning ftc.manning37@gmail.com
- 2) **Is the Long Recession Over? A Classical Political Economics Perspective.** Persefoni Tsaliki and Lefteris Tsoulfidis. lnt@uom.edu.gr

Session 2: 9:35 -10:55

A2. Economics of Digital Production

- 1) **Value, Rent and Competition in Platform Economy.** Ali Alper Alemdar. aalemdar@sfc.edu
- 2) **Digital Capital, Real Competition: A Critique of the Technofeudal Hypothesis.** Steve Maher. smaher85@gmail.com
- 3) **Capture and Corruption: How big tech controls US AI policy.** Aaron Hyzen. aaron.hyzen@asc.upenn.edu

C2. Development 1

- 1) **Technological Gap, Trade Dynamics, and Premature Deindustrialization in Middle-Income Economies.** Xiyan Gong. xgong@bard.edu
- 2) **Non-Reversion of East Asia's Production Networks in the Post-2018 Era.** 이우철(Woocheol Lee). w.lee226@gnu.ac.kr

D2. Forging Heterodox Pathways: Undergraduate Research on Isolation, Technology, and Financialization

- 1) **Understanding the Socioeconomic Determinants of Men's Isolation in the United States.** Ethan Hepworth. ethan.hepworth@hci.utah.edu
- 2) **A Political Economy of Technological Revolutions: A Comparative Analysis of AI and the Internet on the US Labor Market.** Muhammadazizkhon Hakimov. muhammadazizkhon@gmail.com
- 3) **Financialization and the Structural Reinforcement of Income Inequality.** Arseniy Shafran. arseniy.shafran1@gmail.com

Assigned Commentators:

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Milena Dehn. milena.dehn@colostate.edu

Session 3: 11:10 - 12:55

A3. Communication as an economic blindspot: essentializing communication and media in economic analysis

- 1) **From Culture to CAIture: a teleology of political economy.** Marcus Breen. breenmk@bc.edu
- 2) **Media Policy and Platform Power in Unequal Contexts: Insights from Turkey and the Global South.** Duru Duru Su Kadioğlu. durusukadioglu@gmail.com

3) **Broadband Dialectics: Complicating the political economic approach to internet.** Sydney Forde. sydney.forde@asc.upenn.edu

4) **Logistics against democracy: Sincere insincerities in analyzing tech power when raw power is all that's left.** Russell Newman. russell_newman@emerson.edu

B3. Guards, Gigs, and the Grind: Labor Coercion Through the Ages

1) **Subsumption of Labor in the Gig Economy Through the Lens of Marxian Labor Process Theory.** Lupa Bhoumik. lupa.bhoumik@utah.edu

2) **Migrating Reproduction: The Political Economy of Gendered Care.** Saniya Jilani. saniya.jilani@colostate.edu

3) **An Epistemological Analysis of Guard Labor in the History of Economic Thought.** Nejla Routsong. nejla.routsong@colostate.edu

4) **The American Wage Labor System Violates the Thirteenth Amendment.** David Seaton. ds9xf@umkc.edu

C3. Development 2

1) **Revisiting the r-g Gap under Endogenous Fiscal Adjustment: Empirical Evidence from Developing Economies.** Yao Hui. huei_yao@outlook.com

2) **Assam and its Development.** Kabeer Bora. kabeerbora@umkc.edu

3) **Urbanization Beyond the Metropolis: A Study of Urban-Agrarian Change in Provincial Towns in India.** Meghana Prasad Nuthanapati. mnuthanapati@umass.edu

4) **Industrial Policy and the Reconfiguration of the Developmental State: A Comparative Analysis of Brazil and Chile.** Valeria Jimenez. valeria.jimenez@trincoll.edu

D3. Decolonizing Global Economic Governance

1) **Epistemic Empire and Economic Governance.** Bhumika Muchhala. muchb368@newschool.edu

2) **Intellectual Property Rights: (De)colonial politics of TRIPS implementation.** Sakiko Fukuda-Parr. fukudaps@newschool.edu

3) **Economics of Climate Change: Decolonial critique of competing models.** Ying Chen and Yannis Bougiatiotis.

4) **Global Health: the long arc of colonialism.** Manjari Mahajan and Sakiko Fukuda-Parr fukudaps@newschool.edu

Lunch: 12:55- 2:00

Session 4: 2:00 - 3:45

A4. The Association for Economic and Social Analysis

- 1) **Does (Further) Financialization Promote or Impede Affordability of Housing and Homeownership?** Antonis Gounalakis. agounalakis@umass.edu
- 2) **Social Determinants of Mental Health: Comprehensive County-Level Panel Evidence from the United States, 2016-2025.** Taimoor Shaukat Malik. tmalik@umass.edu
- 3) **Sectoral Rate of Profit and Elite Dynamics: A Case of the United States (US).** Hassan Mujtaba. hmujtaba@umass.edu
- 4) **An Overdetermined Marxian Model of Accumulation and Expanded Reproduction in a Capital-Noncapital Space.** Tathagat Singh. tathagatsing@umass.edu

B4. Determinants of Labor Market Disparities Between Social Groups Defined by Race, Ethnicity, Class and Immigration Status

- 1) **Did the Pandemic Spur the Creation of Jobs in the Transportation and Warehousing Sector that Benefitted Black Workers without College Degrees in the U.S.?** Michelle Holder. mholder@jjay.cuny.edu
- 2) **Returns at the Margins of Whiteness: Weekly Wage Disparity among Core and Peripheral-White Men.** Patrick L. Mason. pmason@umass.edu
- 3) **Regulating Monopoly Layoffs and the Problem of the “Reserve Army of Labor” in Economic Thought.** Pascal McDougall. pascal.mcdougall@uottawa.ca
- 4) **Examining the Evidence Around Immigrants and Non-Immigrants' Interests in the U.S.** Stephan Lefebvre. s.lefebvre@bucknell.edu

C4. Political Economy of Development: Causal Evidence from Environmental and Global Shocks

- 1) **Capital Flight and Child Health: Evidence from African Countries.** Raymond Caraher. rcaraher@colby.edu
- 2) **High Water Everywhere: Carceral Effects of the 1927 Great Mississippi Flood.** Shih-Yen Pan. shihyenpan@umass.edu
- 3) **Do IMF Programs Promote Real Investment? Gross Fixed Capital Formation Responses to IMF Participation.** Daniel Rinner. drinner@umass.edu
- 4) **Double Jeopardy: The Climate and Fiscal Space Crises in Small Island Developing States.** Chavon Rogers. chavonrogers@umass.edu
- 5) **Revising Deaths of Despair: Racial Residential Segregation and the Unequal Toll of the China Shock.** Aritra Basu. aritrabasu@umass.edu

D4. Micro Studies and Policies

- 1) **Not good enough: Potential impacts of employment on time and income/consumption poverty in the US and South Africa** Thomas Masterson. masterso@levy.org

2) **Centering Care: Estimating Childcare Gaps and their Economic Outcomes for U.S. States.** Aashima Sinha. asinha@levy.org

3) **Fitting distributional data in empirical SFC models. A practical example for the US and some ways forward.** Giuliano Toshio Yajima. gyajima@levy.org

Session 5: 4:00 - 5:45

A5. Roundtable on Teaching Political Economy in the Era of Artificial Intelligence: Resources, strategies and experiences

Chair: Geoff Schneider, gschnedr@bucknell.edu

Robert Haggard

Jacob Powell

Danish Khan

Michael Murray

B5. Macroeconomic Dynamics and Global Financial Structures

1) **Breaking the tragedy of the horizon? The environmental turn in monetary regimes and capital accumulation regimes.** Louison Cahen-Fourot. louisoncahen@fas.harvard.edu, lcachenfo@ruc.dk

2) **Bargaining shocks and the macroeconomy: A narrative approach.** Alejandro Gonzalez. alejandro.g@wustl.edu

3) **FX-constrained growth: Fundamentalists, chartists and the dynamic trade-multiplier.** Marwil J. Davila-Fernandez. m.davila@colostate.edu

4) **The Global Dollar and a world in crisis: World money and the global currency hierarchy.** Ramaa Vasudevan. ramaa.vasudevan@colostate.edu

C5. Trade, Finance, and Development: Structural Change, Financial Subordination, and Labor Inequality in the Global South

1) **Employment dynamics and structural transformation in African economies.** Dr. Ngwinui Belinda Azenui. azenuib@denison.edu

2) **Consequences of Reserve Accumulation: Non-Bank Financial Sector Expansion and Global Imbalances in SIDS.** Paula-Leone Samuda. Paula-Leone.Samuda@colostate.edu

3) **Wage stratification in Mexico's manufacturing sector.** Dr. Adam Walke. walkea@denison.edu

4) **The Race to the Bottom in Export-Oriented Production in India: An Analysis of Labor Share, Labor Productivity, and Enclaves.** Dr. Bhavya Sinha. bhavya.sinha@du.edu

D5. Micro empirical studies

- 1) **Speculators or Fundamentals? European Natural Gas Price Swings Post-2020.** Emanuele Citera. ecitera@bard.edu
- 2) **Winners and Losers of The Post Covid Era: Inflation, Inequality and Contributions at The Sectoral Level.** Ozlem Omer Cender. ooc001@bucknell.edu
- 3) **Safety Regulation: For Whom? The Effects of Poultry Slaughter Line Speed Regulation on Labor Productivity and Work Intensification.** Bridget Diana bdiana1@jh.edu

6:00 – 8:00 pm. Meeting of URPE Graduate Student Caucus, in room L2.84

Conference Happy Hour: 6:00pm at Gossip Bar

SATURDAY

Welcome and Coffee: 8:00am

Session 6: 8:30 - 9:20

A6. Book Launch: Marx's Theory of Value at the Frontiers: Classical Political Economics, Imperialism and Ecological Breakdown

Güney Işıkara (co-author of the book). guneyisikara@nyu.edu

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B6. The Political Economy of Health

- 1) **The Importance of Procedure for Political Economy: A Case Study in Mental Illness.** Ammar Mooraj. am3407@bard.edu
- 2) **Political Economy of Ultra-Processed Food: Reconceptualizing Metabolic Syndrome as a Dialectic of Capitalist Profits and Disease.** Danish Khan dkhan@fandm.edu, David Brennan, and Mark Silverman

C6. The Political Economy of Gender

- 1) **The Gendering of Markets: Militarization and Segregation.** Saniya Jilani Saniya.Jilani@colostate.edu
- 2) **Queering Economics,** Michael Martell mmartell@bard.edu

D6. Economic Models - 1

- 1) **Are VAR models evidence for a profit-led Goodwin pattern?** George Wheaton. wheag064@newschool.edu
- 2) **Nonlinear Inflation Dynamics in Latin America: Identifying the Triggers of High-Inflation Episodes.** Beutel Mutlugun. betul.mutlugun@trincoll.edu

Session 7: 9:35 -10:55

A7. The Political Economy of the State

- 1) **Project 2025's Vision of the Administrative State: A Critique of The Underlying Economic Theory and Its Implications for Democracy.** Mark Silverman. msilverm@fandm.edu
- 2) **Capitalism without the Pesky State.** Raphael Sassower. rsassowe@uccs.edu

B7. Finance, Money, Credit - 1

- 1) **The Internalization of Austerity: The international political economy of fiscal discipline legislation in Indonesia.** Bhumika Muchhala muchb368@newschool.edu
- 2) **Insulation without Autonomy: Central Banking, Hierarchy, and the Politics of Governed Autonomy in India.** Aditya Singh singa427@newschool.edu
- 3) **Sovereign debt and financial instability: How is sovereign debt accumulation linked to global finance?** Paula L. Samuda. paula-leone.samuda@colostate.edu
- 4) **How insensitive: the effect of monetary policy on credit and income distribution in Brazil.** Joana Avritzer javritzer@conncoll.edu

C7. Social Reproduction

- 1) **From Public Goods to Social Ecosystem Services: Reframing the Economics of Care.** Kirstin Munro munrok@newschool.edu and Jessica Forden
- 2) **An Analysis of Social Reproduction in Socialist Primitive Accumulation: The Case of China's Socialist Healthcare System.** Peizhi Pu ppu@umass.edu
- 3) **Crisis of Capitalism or a Crisis of Social Reproduction? What's on the Political Agenda?** Sirisha Naidu snaidu@umkc.edu

D7. Economic Models - 2

- 1) **Capacity constraints and investment in a structuralist model,** Massimiliano La Marca massimilianolamarca1@gmail.com
- 2) **Some new insights on the empirics of Kaldor–Verdoorn mechanism,** Nikolaos Rodousakis nrodousakis@kepe.gr

3) **An institutional approach to Structural Change: A Lowe/Pasinetti Application for the United States.** Michael J Murray Michael.Murray@bemidjistate.edu

E7. The Environment

1) **"Green" Uneven Development, International Competition and the Tensions of Renewables Capitalism: the case of China-EU Solar PV Trade, 1999-2024.** Yannis Bougiatiotis. bougi087@newschool.edu

2) **Abstract Labor and the Metabolic Rift.** Arjun Janakiram. arjun.janakiram@jjay.cuny.edu

3) **Climate Scenarios for Upper Middle-Income Countries: An Example.** Ozlem Omer Cender. ooc001@bucknell.edu

Session 8: 11:10 - 12:55

A8. Value Theoretic Studies

1) **All Along the Supply Chain: Unpaid Labor and Monopolistic Value Capture in Global Production Networks.** Makar Golosheykin. mgl1810a@american.edu

2) **On the proper definitions of values and prices in a joint production framework and the consequences for the “transformation problem”.** Nikolaos Chatzarakis. chatzarn@newschool.edu

3) **Value, Price, Production and Social Relations in the Abstract Capitalist Economy.** David Laibman. dlaibman@scienceandsociety.com

4) **Wage Labor as a Deduction from Household Activity.** Paddy Quick. paddyquick8@gmail.com

B8. Finance, Money, Credit - 2

1) **The Current Liquidity Background and U.S. Distributional Inequalities.** Ronald Calitri. ronaldcalitri@gmail.com

2) **Private Sectoral Balances, Financial Markets, and the Business Cycle in the U.S. Economy.** Giuliano Toshiro Yajima. gyajima@levy.org

3) **QE, capital flows, and financialization of commodities.** Frutuoso Santana. frutuoso.santana@newschool.edu

4) **A Marxian-Minskian approach to inflation and financial instability.** Armando Alvarez alvaa425@newschool.edu

5) **Socialization of Investment and Climate Crises: what role for Development Banks?** Olivia Bullio Mattos. obulliomattos@sfc.edu

C8. Feminist Macroeconomics: Histories, Debt, Austerity, and Development

- 1) **Histories of Feminist Macroeconomics through the Lens of GEM Working Groups in the U.S. and Latin America.** Lorena Valle Cuéllar. lorena.valle@utah.edu
- 2) **Short-Term Challenges of Long-Term Growth: Gendered Consequences of Infrastructure Projects in Brazil.** Débora Machado Nunes.dmachado@monmouth.edu
- 3) **Sovereign Debt and Gender (In)equality.** Milena Dehn. milena.dehn@colostate.edu
- 4) **Gendered Austerity and Cash Transfers in Pakistan and Brazil: A Gender-Sensitive Budgeting Assessment.** Maria Syed. marria.syedz@gmail.com

D8. Revisiting Macroeconomic Facts: Structure, Distribution, and Political Economy

- 1) **Critical Inputs and the Never-Ending Quest for Upgrading in Global Value Chains. The Case of the Electronics Cluster in Jalisco, Mexico.** Jesús Lara Jáuregui
- 2) **Why Real Wage Gains Were Not So Real: Evidence from Household-Level Food Inflation.** Evan Wasner
- 3) **The Political Economy of the Multiplier: Class Conflict and the Limits of Social Democracy.** Diogo Martins
- 4) **Persistent and Heterogeneous Effects of Fiscal Shocks: Hysteresis and Its Mechanisms.** Thanos Moraitis. athanasiosmo@umass.edu

E8. Land, Labor, and the Green Transition: Capitalist Restructuring and Working-Class Strategy

- 1) **An Incipient Green Capitalism? Developments in the United States' Environmental Regime, 2000-2025.** Brady Dye. bdye@umass.edu
- 2) **Beyond Mitchell's Carbon Democracy: The Renewable Energy Transition and the Prospects for Working Class Power.** Nathan Parker. naparker@umass.edu
- 3) **Commodity price shocks and macroeconomic fluctuations - a structuralist research program.** Merle Schulken. mschulken@umass.edu
- 4) **Moving beyond Ecological Unequal Exchange: Ground Rent and the Dynamics of Extractivism.** Leonardo Kosloff. lkosloff@umass.edu

Lunch: 12:55- 2:00

Session 9: 2:00 - 3:45

A9. Contemporary perspectives on economic planning

- 1) **The 'Lucas critique': A 'Lukács critique' and its meaning for democratic planning.** Sally Svenlen
- 2) **Comparing Diverse Paths: Pluriverse of Degrowth, Democratic Planning, and Post-Development.** Cosku Mihci

3) **Planning social reproduction? Rethinking scale and boundaries in democratic economic planning.** Sophie Elias-Pinsonnault. seliaspinson@umass.edu

4) **The Limits of Market Socialism: Market Dependence, Value, and Crisis.** Nathan Parker

B9. International Finance and Economic Development

1) **Monetary Policy and Income Distribution in a New Consensus Small Open Economy Model: A Critical Assessment and Post-Keynesian Reinterpretation.** Ariel Dvoskin. advoskin@umkc.edu

2) **International bond market finance and the consequences of decoupling in profitability among larger firms: A Latin American story.** Luis Méndez Lobos luis.mendezlbs@outlook.com and Esteban Pérez Caldentey perezeste@gmail.com

3) **Economic Sovereignty in a Dual-Constrained World: How Rating Agencies and the International Financial System Shape Development.** Iván Velásquez. ivanvg@morris.umn.edu

4) **Fiscal Regimes in Latin America in Neoliberal Era: Is There a Fiscal Crisis?** Matías Vernengo. m.vernengo@bucknell.edu

C9. Economic History and History of Economic Thought

1) **The Construction of Capitalist Dependency: The Case of British Intervention in the Latin American Revolutions for Independence.** Lorenzo Fusaro. lorenzo.fusaro@azc.uam.mx

2) **Triangular World: Capitalist Crisis and Petrodollar Recycling in the 1970s.** Matthew Soener. msoener@illinois.edu

3) **The persistence of depredatory social features in America: a critical review of Veblen (1923) 's *Absentee Ownership* after a century.** Adrián de León Arias. adriandeleonarias@cucea.udg.mx

4) **Institutions and Political Economy in Du Bois' Black Reconstruction.** Robert Haggar. robertdonaldhagggar@gmail.com

Session 10: 4:00 - 5:45

A10. Is Authentic Socialism Really on the Rise in the U.S.?

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Shahram Ahzar. sa037@bucknell.edu

B10. Labor, Policy, and Socioeconomic Dynamics

1) **Rat race, educational signaling, and fertility.** Daniele Tavani. daniele.tavani@colostate.edu

2) **Workers' political sentiments and sectoral labor dynamics in a climate-macro model.** Maike Korsinnek. maike-korsinnek@boeckler.de

3) **Employment protection deregulation and deaths of despair.** Nara Chung.
nara.chung@colostate.edu

4) **Fiscal Austerity and Regional Spillovers: Public Sector Consolidation Across Europe.**
Sean Callahan. sean.callahan@colostate.edu

C10. **The Myth of Neutrality: Law, alienation and the foreclosure of politics**

1) **A Cosmology of Colonial-Capitalist Formality: from Lenapehoking to New York City.**
Daniella Medina dlmedina@umass.edu

2) **Beyond Appearances: Citizenship as means of dispossession.** Madhubala P.
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3) **Transgender Marxism Against Trans Rights: The Boundaries of Rights-Based Political Strategy.** Kal Hardenbergh. khardenbergh@umass.edu

6:00 – 8:00 pm. URPE Membership Meeting, in room L2.84

LGBTQ+ Happy Hour: 6:00pm at Gossip Bar

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12:55- 2:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
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Saturday					
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{Note to Chairs. Chairs for pre-determined panel are determined by the person who submitted the panel proposal. For panels made from individually submitted papers, the last presenter listed will be the chair. If that person feels they do not want to be chair they can ask any other panelist to be chair at the panel itself}

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