

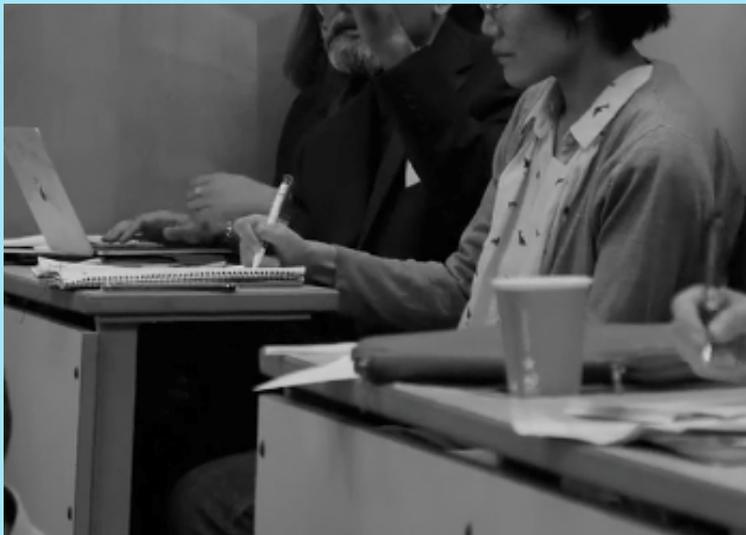
SUMMER ACADEMY ON LAW, MONEY AND TECHNOLOGY: TRANSFORMING POLITICAL ECONOMY

Monday-Friday, 13th-17th July 2020

1.5-2.0 hours each session

10am Los Angeles / 8pm Helsinki start time

Virtual Happy Hour after Monday and Friday sessions



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TRANSFORMING POLITICAL ECONOMY

In Summer 2019, the Association for the Promotion of Political Economy and Law (APPEAL) and the Institute for New Economic Thought Young Scholars Initiative (INET YSI Finance, Law and Economics Working Group) organised a two day event with the University of Manchester Law School. The event brought more than 40 emerging and established scholars to spend time together in Manchester thinking about the intersection of political economy and law.

The event was part of a much broader momentum taking place within academic communities across the United States, the United Kingdom and Europe to build a new progressive community, which is woke to the limits of past movements (e.g., gender, race), literate in finance and governance (e.g., interested to understand contemporary banking operations), and committed to structural change (e.g., not at the expense of identity based reforms, but focused on a fresh socio-economic vision for society).

The aim of the Summer Academy this year is to contribute to this growing academic community by

- 1) continuing conversations into core themes at the interface of law, money and technology, and contribute to the project of transforming political economy;
- 2) experimenting with how our teaching and conversations can be informed and refine our political/ethical commitments; and
- 3) offering space for the community to continue getting to know each other and share best practices and opportunities.

The Summer Academy is hosted via Zoom. Links provided in the programme below.

The event is open without registration. If you would like an email reminder, please visit <https://lmt-summer-academy-transformingpoliticaleconomy.eventbrite.co.uk>.

For any specific inquiries, please contact John Haskell (john.haskell@manchester.ac.uk) and Denise Herkey-Jarosch (appeal@politicaleconomylaw.org).

While hosted via APPEAL, the Institute for New Economic Thinking Young Scholars Initiative (YSI FLE), and the University of Manchester, the Summer Academy is meant as a non(institutionally)-proprietary occasion for connection and sharing within the community and the result of collaboration between many colleagues.

Special thanks to the co-ordinating vision of Jay Cullen, Rohan Grey, Martha McCluskey and the APPEAL Board, the group thought leaders, Corinne Blalock, Ava Liu, Luisa Scarcella, Sarang Shah, and Aleksander Stojanovic, as well as William Bevin-Nicholls and Denise Herkey-Jarosch.

To learn more or keep in touch with the Law, Money and Technology community at the University of Manchester, please email lawmoneytech@gmail.com and visit us at <https://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/law/research/themes/law-money-technology/>

MONDAY 13

KNOW YOUR ALLIES

ZOOM ID: 925 3228 7293

Description

The neoliberal thought collective effectively built a multi-tiered network that recruited, trained, supported, and placed members in roles within and outside academia to influence the shape of domestic and global governance. Where is the organisation action within the emerging 'new left' thought collective? In our time together today, we hear from key thought leaders and organisers - how they conceive of building the community and what they are currently working on.

Format

The session will run for 1.5 hours. Each of the featured speakers will share for approximately 5 minutes, and we will then have an open group conversation for approximately 30 minutes. Please feel free to share questions/comments in the 'chat' window and we will try to pick up on as many questions as possible.

Featured Speakers

Corinne Blalock (LPE Project), Raúl Carrillo (Modern Money Network), Dan Danielsen (Institute for Global Law & Policy), Christine Desan (JustMoney.Org), Ava Liu (Harvard LPE), Martha McCluskey (APPEAL), Aleksander Stojanovic (INET YSI Finance, Law and Economics Working Group), Sarang Shah (Berkeley LPE), Jay Varellas (Journal of Law & Political Economy / Law & Society LPE CRN)

Coordinators

John D. Haskell and Luisa Scarcella

HAPPY HOUR: Immediately after the event, there is a virtual Happy Hour event. We especially encourage colleagues newer to the community to join us and share your story, perspective, interests. The Zoom ID is: 975 1385 4871

TUESDAY 14

ALGORITHMIC GOVERNANCE

ZOOM ID: 929 7089 0618

Description

Digital technologies promise to transform industry, regulation and social existence at large. Transformation is thought to simultaneously disrupt and innovate. At the same time, technology remains a confusing topic - a black box of operating logics, expert communities and resource allocation. More often than not, it seems that technology contributes to the further marketisation/privatisation of governance and society at the expense of collective control and wellbeing - in short, working against democratic sovereignty. How might we better make sense of these digital futures?

Format

The session will run for 2.0 hours. Each speaker will share for approximately 10 minutes. Participants will then be randomly placed into groups to continue the conversation for 30 minutes. The groups will then reconvene and there will be approximately 30 minutes for a broad conversation reflecting on insights from the small group conversations.

Featured Speakers

S.M. Amadae, Daria Gritsenko, Frank Pasquale, Mariëlle Wijermars, Markos Zachariadis

Coordinators

Luisa Scarcella and Aleksandar Stojanovic

WEDNESDAY 15

THE MONEY SIDE OF THINGS

ZOOM ID: 928 8272 8180

Description

Many of us come from humanities/social science backgrounds where the private/economic/financial sphere of governance is not necessarily our traditional 'wheel house'. To fight a theory (e.g., capitalism, neo-liberalism), we need a theory: a theory of how to organise production, a theory about the capacity and functions of money and its institutions, a theory of not only how to break down the private/public distinction but what it looks like afterward, and so on. This is the aim of our time in this session together.

Format

The session will run for 2 hours. Each speaker will speak for approximately 10 minutes, followed by participants being broken into groups for 30 minutes, before reconvening for 30 minutes in broad conversation reflecting on insights from the small group conversations.

Featured Speakers

Jay Cullen (Banking), Pamela Foohey (Bankruptcy), Rohan Grey (Digital Monies), Kristin Johnson (Corporations), Nathan Tankus (Finance at the Global Level), Lua Kamal Yuille (Property)

Coordinators

Sarang Shah and Aleksandar Stojanovic

THURSDAY 16

KNOW YOUR OPPOSITION

ZOOM ID: 946 4956 2423

Description

As the economic historian Philip Mirowski points out, success requires we know our opposition. Certain insights have come to stand in for this knowledge: 1) beneath claims of 'efficiency' (e.g., competition, equilibrium, meritocracy) and the 'rule of law' (e.g., formal procedural equal rights) is (structured) political inequality, 2) that what looks settled is often contingent (e.g., nothing 'natural' about property rights), and what looks open is often already scripted (e.g., who wins and who loses is largely established by pre-existing allocative policy decisions), and 3) that we all-too-often read out important dynamics of class, gender and race in our expertise (e.g., even among heterodox political economy scholars, race is often a secondary consideration). At the same time, these intellectual insights are not new and the opposition has proven effective at a blend of countering, dismissing and ignoring these challenges. If the solution we have devised is not working, could we try something different? Perhaps it would mean developing new tactics that aren't related to the substance of the argument. Or maybe it would mean anticipating the critiques and developing new responses? Or perhaps it does mean bringing in new insights. Or doubling down on existing insights but in new ways... What do you think?

Format

The session will run for 2 hours. There will be two featured colleagues each speaking for approximately 10 minutes with the focus to set the stage for group-led teaching. Participants will be broken into virtual groups. For the first 45 minutes, each group will spend time together brainstorming their ideas around questions posed (see Description). For the second 45 minutes, the groups will return to the collective space and each group will briefly share their insights from their individual group discussions. The aim is for to develop a non-hierarchical collaborate form of listening and learning together.

Featured Speakers

David Singh Grewal, Martha McCluskey

Coordinators

John D. Haskell and group coordinators

FRIDAY 17

ZOOM ID: 982 0758 7363

OTHER DISCIPLINARY COUPLINGS

Description

The programme of 'political economy and law' is inherently inter-disciplinary. At the same time, we often get trapped in predictable disciplinary/field specific silos: there is a tendency to 'go domestic' if based in the US, we are influenced more by 'political economists' than 'economists', we speak more with political scientists than colleagues teaching in arts/cultures, and so forth. In our session together today, we attempt to push a bit on our horizons and explore new ways of connecting.

Format

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Featured Speakers

Simon Deakin ('Law and...'), Jerry Epstein (Political Economy), Scott Ferguson (Art/Culture Studies), Daniela Gandorfer (Literary Theory), Fadhel Kaboub (Development), Oliver Kessler (International Relations), Jamee Moudud (Economics), Akbar Rasulov (International Law)

Coordinators

Corinne Blalock and Ava Liu

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