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## VI INEM CONFERENCE

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### — Preliminary program —

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

FRIDAY 12

9:00-10.00	<i>Registration</i>		
10:00-10.15	<i>Opening</i>		
10:15-11:30	<i>Keynote lecture: Prof. Partha Dasgupta</i>		
11:30-12.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
12.00-13:30	1A: Epistemology	1B: Metaphysics of the social	1C: Behavioural Economics
13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>		
14:30-16:00	2A: Evidence (Symposium)	2B: Metaphysics of the individual	2C: Sociology and Social Epistemology
16:00-16:15	<i>Break</i>		
16:15-17:45	3A: Evolution and Hayek	3B: Ethics	3C: Models and Isolations
17:45-18:00	<i>Break</i>		
18:00-19:30	<i>Plenary panel Session: Neuroeconomics</i>		
20:15	<i>Conference dinner</i>		

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SATURDAY 13

9:15-10:15	<i>Keynote lecture:</i> Prof. Roger Backhouse, «Methodology in action»			
10:15-10:30	<i>Break</i>			
10:30-12:00	4A: Invisible hands (Symposium)	4B: Institutionalism	4C: Methodology	4D: Rationality
12:00-12:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>			
12:30-14:00	5A: Econometrics	5B: Rationality and choice	5C: Epistemic democracy (Symposium)	
14:00-15:00	<i>Lunch</i>			
15:00-16:30	6A: Formal approaches	6B: History of ideas	6C: External validity	
16:30-16:45	<i>Break</i>			
16:45-18:15	<i>Plenary panel Session:</i> Neoliberalism as philosophy and politics			
18.15-18.30	<i>Farewell</i>			

Friday, 12 | 12.00-13.30

1A. EPISTEMOLOGY	1B. METAPHYSICS OF THE SOCIAL	1C. BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMICS
Chair: R. Backhouse (U. Birmingham)	Chair: Wade Hands (U. Puget Sound)	Chair: J. Davis (U. Amsterdam & Marquette U.)
Room:	Room:	Room:
M. Klaes (Keele University) <i>The End of Constructivism in Economics</i>	J. W. Lindemans (K.U. Leuven) <i>Methodological Individualism as an Ontogenetic Approach to Social Order.</i>	J. Daemen (Erasmus University Rotterdam) <i>Ketchup Economics: The Methodology of Finance</i>
S. Deichsel (Universität Bremen) <i>Friedman and Laudan setting the stage for a pragmatic turn in theory appraisal</i>	G. Papadopoulos (Jan Van Eyck Academie & Erasmus University Rotterdam) <i>Money and Collective Intentionality</i>	M. Nagatsu (U. of Exeter) <i>Behavioural economics beyond 'Ptolemaic Science'</i>
	J. Turk (Slovenian Acad. of Sciences and Arts) <i>Economics and social reality: getting traction in the world</i>	A. Santos (Dinâmia-ISCTE) <i>Behavioral experiments: social preferences or social norms?</i>

Friday, 12 | 14.30-16.00

2A. EVIDENCE IN ECONOMICS	2B. METAPHYSICS OF THE INDIVIDUAL	2C. SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL EPISTEMOLOGY
Symposium organized by J. Reiss (EUR) & D. Teira (UNED)	Chair: R. Crespo (U. Austral)	Chair: M. Jiménez Buedo (UNED)
Room:	Room:	Room:
H. Maas (University of Amsterdam) <i>Armchair Observation in Nineteenth Century Political Economy</i>	B. Boulu (University of Lyon) <i>Approaches to the concept of identity in Economics: an application to the economic analysis of the firm</i>	T. Duppe (Erasmus University Rotterdam) <i>The Professionalization of the Commentary of Economics</i>
J. Reiss (EUR) <i>Evidence in experimental economics</i>	D. Gindis (University of Lyon 2) <i>From Fictions and Aggregates to Real Entities in the Theory of the Firm</i>	H. Holm (Lund University) <i>On Anonymity Policies in Peer Review Processes</i>
D. Fennell (LSE) <i>Evidence in Econometrics</i>	J. Davis (U. Amsterdam & Marquette U.) <i>Psychology's recent challenge to economics: Rationality and the individual</i>	S. Leppälä (Turku School of Economics) <i>An Epistemological Perspective on Knowledge Transfers</i>
<i>Comments by D. Teira (UNED) and general discussion</i>		

Friday, 12 | 16.15-17.45

3A. EVOLUTION AND HAYEK	3B. ETHICS	3C. MODELS AND ISOLATION
Chair: J. Vromen (Erasmus U.)	Chair: D. Strassmann (Rice U.)	Chair: U. Mäki (A. Finland)
Room:	Room:	Room:
F. Guala (U. Exeter & San Raffaele U.) <i>What Is Evolutionary Game Theory Trying to Accomplish?</i>	P. Dietsch (Université de Montreal) <i>Conceptualising Distributive Equality</i>	R. Crespo (U. Austral) <i>Nancy Cartwright, Millian and/or Aristotelian?</i>
C. Chelini (University of Torino) <i>The cultural evolution of a rule of conduct: Hayek's epistemology and current evolutionary theories in biological anthropology</i>	A. Menéndez Viso (U. Oviedo) <i>The place of Ethics in Economics</i>	T. Grüne-Yanoff (University of Helsinki) <i>Are economic models tools for theoretical isolation?</i>
G. Marques (UBA & UNLZ) <i>A revision of Hayek's view on holistic concepts</i>	A. Witztum (London Met. University) <i>Positive Ethics and the Science of Economics: An Enduring Robbins's Fallacy</i>	A. Lehtinen (University of Helsinki) <i>Normative isolations in economics</i>

Friday, 12 | 18:00-19:30

**PLENARY PANEL SESSION: NEUROECONOMICS**  
**COORDINATED BY DON ROSS (U. OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM & U. OF CAPE TOWN)**

ROOM:

*With the participation of*

- Don Ross (U. of Alabama at Birmingham & U. of Cape Town), “Distancing neuroeconomics from behavioral economics”
- Mark Dean (New York University), “Dopamine and reward prediction error: An example of axiomatic neuroeconomics”
- Jack Vromen (Erasmus University Rotterdam), “On the surprising and remarkable finding that expected utility is literally computed in the brain”

Saturday, 13 | 10.30-12.00

4A. INVISIBLE HANDS	4B. INSTITUTIONALISM	4C. METHODOLOGY	4D. RATIONALITY
Symposium organized by: N. Emrah Aydinonat (Ankara University)	Chair: M. Klaes (U. Keele)	Chair: C. Marchionni (Erasmus U.)	Chair: A. Spanos (V. Tech)
Room:	Room:	Room:	Room:
C. Smith (U. St. Andrews) <i>The Scottish Enlightenment, the Invisible Hand and the Science of Man</i>	J. C. Caldas (CES) & A. Costa (ISCTE) <i>Claiming Deliberation for Institutional Economics</i>	L. Boland (Simon Fraser University) <i>On the economist's view of inductive reasoning</i>	C. Hoewel (Catholic U. of Argentina) <i>Endogenizing Preferences: A Personalist Approach</i>
N. Emrah Aydinonat (Ankara University) <i>Value of Invisible-Hand Explanations</i>	C. Hirsch (Erasmus University Rotterdam) <i>The Explanatory Boundaries of Rational Choice Theory in New Institutional Economics: The Case of Transaction Cost Economics</i>	A. García de la Sienna (U. Veracruzana) <i>Suppes' economics and its methodology</i>	J. Kuehnelt (NYU) <i>Explaining and Justifying Norms: Why Does Economic Theory Only Refer to One Type of Individuality?</i>
P. Ylikoski (U. Helsinki) <i>Evaluating How Possibly Explanations</i>	W. Milberg (The New School for Social Research) & P. Spiegler (U. Massachusetts) <i>The Taming of Institutions in Economics: The Rise and Methodology of The New, New Institutionalism</i>	F. de Sousa (Technical University of Lisbon) <i>Old Hopes and New Avenues: Transdisciplinarity and Economic Methodology</i>	J. Zamora (UNED) <i>Towards a normative naturalist theory of rationality</i>
U. Mäki (Academy of Finland) <i>Modelling the invisible hand: Scientific realism in action</i>			

Saturday, 13 | 12.30-14.00

5A. ECONOMETRICS	5B. RATIONALITY AND CHOICE	5C. SCIENTIFIC PLURALISM AND EPISTEMIC DEMOCRACY: INTERPRETING DISSENT IN ECONOMICS
Chair: M. Boumans (U. Amsterdam)	Chair: A. García de la Sienra (U. Veracruzana)	Symposium organized by: R. De Langhe (FWO) & J. van Bouwel (Ghent U)
Room:	Room:	Room:
A. Moneta (Max Planck I. of Economics) <i>Evidence for Causal Inference in Econometric Models</i>	M. del Corral & M. Jz. Buedo (UNED) <i>Choice and Commitment</i>	J. van Bouwel (Ghent. U.) <i>Ways of dealing with scientific pluralism: Inquiring Helen Longino's epistemic democracy</i>
A. Spanos (Virginia Tech) <i>Theory Testing in Economics and the Error Statistical Perspective</i>	J. C. García-Bermejo (U. Autónoma Madrid) <i>A Refinement and Extension of the Standard Rational Choice Rule.</i>	Ioana Negru (Anglia Ruskin U.) <i>From fragmentation to ontologically reflexive pluralism</i>
G. Sucarrat (U. Carlos III Madrid) <i>Econometric Reduction Theory and Philosophy: The First Stage in Hendry's Reduction Theory Revisited</i>	C. T. DesRoches & Th. Wells (EUR) <i>Pluralism about rationality in economics: theories as tools</i>	R. De Langhe (FWO) <i>The tradeoff between specialization and diversity</i>

Saturday, 13 | 15.00- 16.30

<b>6A. FORMAL APPROACHES</b>	<b>6B. HISTORY OF IDEAS</b>	<b>6C. EXTERNAL VALIDITY</b>
Chair: J. Zamora (UNED)	Chair: H. Maas (U. Amsterdam)	Chair: F. Guala (U. Exeter)
Room:	Room:	Room:
I. Moscati (Bocconi U.) <i>How to Make Sense of Knowledge of Information Partitions</i>	M. Boumans (University of Amsterdam) <i>Looking under the hood: Leontief versus statistical econometricians</i>	M. Jz. Buedo (UNED) & L. M. Miller (Max Planck Institute of Economics) <i>The Relationship between External and Internal Validity</i>
S. Lerner (UBA & UNLA) <i>Norms and Economic Theory: a Defeasible Formal Approach.</i>	R. Faucci (U. Pisa) <i>Benedetto Croce's contribution to "economics"</i>	C. Marchionni (Erasmus U. Rotterdam) <i>The virtue of generality in economic models</i>
S. Hartmann, G. Pigozzi & J. Sprenger (Tilburg University) <i>Consensus, Compromise and Judgment Aggregation</i>	V. Neves (University of Coimbra) <i>On the foundations of a qualitative tradition in economics: Marshall, Keynes and Coase</i>	L. Mireles-Flores (Erasmus U. Rotterdam) <i>Policy Relevance and External Validity in Economics</i>

Saturday, 13 | 16.45-18.15

**PLENARY PANEL SESSION: NEOLIBERALISM AS PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS  
COORDINATED BY PHILIP MIROWSKI (UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME)**

ROOM:

*With the participation of*

- Philip Mirowski (University of Notre Dame), “The Neoliberal Production of Ignorance”
- John O'Neill (U. Manchester), “Markets, science and socialism”
- Dieter Plehwe (Social Science Research Center Berlin), “Universal(izing) neoliberalism”
- Discussant: Matthias Klaes (Keele U.)