

XII INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM **Visions of Sustainable Development: Theory and Action**

Florida, USA, May 20-22, 2015

Presentation



It is with pleasure that we inform you that the XII International Colloquium will take place in Gainesville, Florida, USA at the Levin College of Law at the University of Florida, on May 20-22, 2015. The selected theme is: *Visions of Sustainable Development: Theory and Action*. This meeting is organized by the University of Florida (UF), the University of Brasilia (UnB), and the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS). We are looking forward to the participation of other fine institutions worldwide.

The recent global financial and economic crisis has underscored the fact that despite significant increases in income and other “development” indicators in many parts of the world in the last fifty years, or so, the appropriate paths to development require serious rethinking. The rapid growth of the financial sector in the global economy has made economies fragile. Increases in inequality seem to be making societies more unjust and unstable. The problem of global warming continues to be major threat for the future.

At the XI International Colloquium in Brasilia last May, a widely shared consensus emerged that incremental changes in economic theory and policy will not be sufficient to address the pressing problems confronting humanity today and to leverage our collective economic potential for the welfare of all humanity. A new paradigm, that includes a conceptual framework in economic theory akin to the transition which occurred in Physics early in the 20th century, is needed.

This colloquium will encourage contributions about alternative visions of sustainable development and explore alternative economic theories that more effectively translate economic activity into sustainable models of economic security and equitable development for humanity as a whole. It will examine current concepts and premises in the light of the rapid and radical changes that have transformed economic activity. It will look at the changes since the period in which most prevalent concepts were formulated to assess their relevance to the knowledge based globalized service economy emerging in the 21 century. Additionally, it will examine the need for formulation of value-based trans-disciplinary science of society that effectively integrates economics with politics, law, society, culture and ecology. Special emphasis will be placed on the challenges confronted by **States in Transition**.

The Colloquium will include presentations on the inter-relationship of economic development and the problems of democracy and global power. It will also generate specific contexts where the challenges of transition and sustainable development are explored. Papers will project appropriate dimensions of decision and policy for policy intervention at all levels including the global, national, community and personal levels, for an improved human prospect. For general orientation see *Towards a Global Comprehensive Context-driven and Decision-focused Theory and Method for a New Political Economy*, Winston P. Nagan and Valeen Arena in CADMUS Volume 2, Number 2, May 2014 [paper delivered at the XI International Colloquium].

The successful experience of the first International Colloquium, in 1997, was on “Money, Growth, Distribution and Structural Change: Contemporaneous Analysis”, that coincided with the foundation of PhD Program in Economics at the University of Brasilia (UnB). It was an outstanding meeting with the presence of many fine scholars from Brazil and the larger world community.

The 1999 International Colloquium on “Economic Dynamics and Economic Policy” which was the result of the consolidation of efforts to stimulate and sustain a critical dialogue, continued to develop these critical themes leading to a series of colloquia that followed. These include the 2001 International Colloquium on “Structural Change, Growth and Redistribution” and the 2003 International Colloquium on “Globalization, New Technologies and Economic Relations,” both held in Brasilia, with the support of the UnB and other institutions and had the presence of scholars from various countries around the world..

Subsequent to this initial effort at UnB, the event took on its intercontinental projection with the organization of the 2005 Colloquium in Treviso, Italy. This was a joint effort of the University of Brasilia and the PRINT-PROJECT, which included several Italian universities, on the theme “Dynamic Capabilities between Firm Organization and Systems of Production.” A selection of papers from this Colloquium were later published by Routledge International Publishers in January 2008. The VI International Colloquium was organized in 2007, once again by the University of Brasilia. The theme was “Macrodynamic Capability and Economic Development”. The emphasis of the colloquium was on socioeconomic policies towards growth and distribution, dubbed in the literature as “Development with a Human Face”. In 2010 the VII International Colloquium was successfully organized under the theme of “Getting out of the Current Economic Crisis: In the Light of Alternative Development Paradigms” by CEPN of the University of Paris 13 and the Department of Economics of the University of Brasilia. It was also supported by the Maison des Sciences de l’Homme, and took place at the University of Paris Nord. The event attracted worldwide attention.

The VIII International Colloquium, held in Ireland in May 2011, entitled “Economic Growth, Structural Change and Institutions” was organized jointly by the Department of Economics of the University of Brasilia and J. E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics of the National University of Ireland, in Galway. It attracted an excellent group of scholars and dealt with important contemporary economic policy issues.

In 2012, the IX International Colloquium took place at the Schumpeter Centre of the University of Graz, Austria, in collaboration with the University of Brasilia. The event produced contributions towards better understanding of “Inequality and its Persistence”. The main objective of the meeting was to provide a platform for productive exchanges of analysis and research results focusing on the theoretical and policy aspects of the inequality theme. The colloquium also aimed to stimulate an exchange of ideas across fields of inquiry from within the discipline of economic science, as well as in related disciplines. It reinforced a multi-disciplinary approach to the study of political economy.

In May, 2013, the X International Colloquium took place in the Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão (ISEG) in Lisbon, Portugal, in collaboration with the University of Brasilia (UnB). The theme was “Power Distribution in The World Economy: New Challenges”. It was concerned with new challenges of the world economy, the distribution of power between different groups in the national and global economies and throughout different countries of the world. Changes in the distribution of power have arguably had a major impact on the economic performance worldwide in recent years. The event was very successful with the presence of several fine scholars, from both academic and public sector administrators.

In May, 2014, the XI International Colloquium again took place in Brasília. It was a return to its origin after a long period abroad. The selected theme was “Global Crisis and Changes of Paradigms: Current Issues”. Growth, distribution, inflation, trade and employment, have been some of the main concerns of macroeconomic theories, yet few economists foresaw the scale of the financial and economic crisis from 2008, and few have been able to propose alternative economic paradigms to respond to it. The main objective of the Colloquium was to provide a platform for a productive exchange of ideas, theories and policies in order to identify such paradigm shifts and better inform policies for both national and global governance. The main conclusions of the meeting were that more than a single event creates a stimulating international research network focusing on effective timely contributions to shape new thinking so that humanity can escape the multiple crises that currently affects society. The event had as sponsors the University of Brasilia (UnB), the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS), the Rio Branco Institute (Ministry of External Relations), and the International Celso Furtado Center for Development Policies

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

As in previous events of the Colloquium, there will be presentations of 12 papers selected by a Special Committee and 6 Panels presented by invited participants.

May 20 – Wednesday

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:30 Opening session

09:30 – 10:50 Plenary session

Paper 1

Paper 2

10:50 – 11:10 Coffee break

11:10 – 12:30 Plenary session

Paper 3

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:40 Plenary session

Paper 4

Paper 5

15:40 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:50 Plenary session

Paper 6

16:50 – 17:40

Panel A

May 21, Thursday

09:00 – 10:40 Plenary session

Paper 7

Paper 8

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:50

Paper 9

11:50 – 12:40

Panel B

12:40 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:40 Plenary session

Paper 10

Paper 11

15:40 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:50 Plenary session

Paper 12

16:50 - 17:40

Panel C

May 22, Friday

09:00 – 10:40 Special Sessions

Panel D

Panel E

10:40- 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 11:50 Plenary Session

Panel F

11:50 – 12:20 Closing session

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Members of the Organizing Committee are:

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UNIVERSITY OF BRASILIA

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PAPER SUBMISSION

Authors are requested to submit their articles until February 28, 2015. Please send in your papers to the Professor Winston Nagan (nagan@law.ufl.edu) and Professor Ricardo Araújo (rsaaraujo@gmail.com).

The paper must be written in English, using the text processor WORD, font Times New Roman (size 12), Latin alphabet, spacing (1). Page setup: A4, Margins: top 5 cm; bottom 5,2 cm; left 4,2 cm; right 4,2 cm. Papers must have a maximum of 30 pages.

FRONT PAGE

Title should be as concise as possible. Author's name and institution should follow the title. Abstract of length of 50 -150 words should be put below the institutional address. Up to five key words should be included. Up to four classifications from the JEL code should be declared.

Footnotes in page one must contain the e-mails of the authors. The funding source for the research must be also contained in the first page as well as any acknowledgements.

SUBSEQUENT PAGES

The Introduction must start on the second page. Sessions and pages of the article must be numbered.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The colloquium will not provide free accommodation, except in very special cases. However, the organizing committee will try to obtain special rates for the invited participants in the Reitz Union Hotel (middle of the campus) and Hilton University of Florida Conference Center (fringe of the campus).

For further information, check: www.hilton.com & www.union.ufl.edu/UnionHotel

CONTACT

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LOCATION

The Colloquium will be held at the Levin College of Law, University of Florida, P.O. Box 117625, 2500 SW 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32611, Direct Telephone: 352-273-0935, Fax: 352-392-3005.

REGISTRATION

The price for registration in the colloquium is \$100 (US) (includes lunches). The registration period begins April 1, 2015 exclusively by **[the registration website will be added here when available]**. Participants unable to pay online may do so on arrival, first please contact Betty Donaldson (donaldso@law.ufl.edu) for registration confirmation.

