



Call for Abstracts

Second Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy

October 27–28, 2022 | Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) is hosting the Second Doctoral Conference on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy. This in-person event aims at building bridges and finding commonalities among young scholars whose research is addressing the complex linkages between economic and social action. It will give PhD students at all stages the opportunity to present their work and receive constructive and well-informed feedback.

The conference is organized by the doctoral researchers of the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE). This graduate program combines approaches from economic sociology, organizational sociology, and comparative and international political economy. Its research explores the relationship between the modern economy and its social and political foundations. For further information see <http://imprs.mpifg.de>.

Reflecting the School's broad multi- and interdisciplinary program, the two-day conference will bring together junior researchers in the fields of economic sociology, political economy, organization studies, and related disciplines. It aims to foster dialogue and promote synergies among those studying the mutual interdependence and complex interactions between the economy and society by providing a platform for interdisciplinary exchange on topics such as (but not limited to):

- Democracy, Representation, and Populism
- Digital Policymaking and the Digital Economy
- Economic and Financial Policymaking
- Inequality and Stratification
- Labor Market Actors, Institutions, and Policies
- Market Sociology
- Migration and Immigrant Populations
- Politics, Society, and Economy in the Non-Western World
- Social Movements and Non-Governmental Actors

Conference Details

The conference will be held in-person, **October 27–28, 2022**. It will be hosted by the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) in Cologne. The MPIfG will cover the expenses of the participants in Cologne (participants are responsible for their own travel costs). In addition to seven panel sessions, there will be a keynote lecture, coffee and lunch breaks, and get-togethers. The desired spirit of the conference will be one of close interaction and discussion. We will make every effort to revitalize the important informal conversations and networking opportunities that were lost during the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will be asked to submit a short draft paper and prepare a brief presentation (ca. 10 minutes) on their research.

Work in early exploratory and conceptual stages is welcome. Each paper will be commented on by a discussant.

Submission Details

The papers must be authored by current PhD researchers. Submissions co-authored by a PhD researcher are also welcome. However, the presentation of the paper at the conference has to be given exclusively by the PhD researcher.

Interested scholars can apply by submitting a 250-word abstract including the research topic and the theoretical and methodological approach of their proposed paper to:

phdconference@mpifg.de by July 1, 2022

In addition to the abstract, please add a few remarks regarding your affiliation and general research interests. Please also indicate whether you are able to participate in-person.

Successful applicants will be notified by mid-July, 2022, and are expected to submit a draft paper of roughly 6000–8000 words by October 1, 2022.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the conference organizers via phdconference@mpifg.de.

Key Dates

July 1, 2022	Deadline for Applications
Mid-July, 2022	Notification of Acceptance
August 15, 2022	Deadline for Registration
September 15, 2022	Announcement of the Final Conference Program
October 1, 2022	Submission of Draft Papers
October 27–28, 2022	Conference