

AISPE – SISE

*Call for papers*INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHANGES  
ITALY AND EUROPE IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

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The recent developments in world trade and world politics seem to mark a turnaround in international relations after 75 years of trade expansion, capitals and labour movements. Economic history and the history of economic thought offer a wide range of ideas and case studies aimed at comprehending the causes and consequences of the nationalistic policies. Moreover, they can illustrate how economic ideas, vested interests and power politics interact in order to foster economic development and maximise trade earnings.

Foreign trade and commercial policy, however, are just one side of the multifaceted role that the State and national institutions can carry out to promote economic development.

AISPE and SISE invite scholars to offer their contribution regarding the role played by the institutions (understood in a broad sense: public, private, religious, local, national, international, etc.) in influencing the trajectories of economic and social development, in favouring or hindering the birth, growth and efficiency of businesses, in determining the distribution of income, the production of goods and services essential to the well-being of the population, and in promoting education, creativity and innovation.

The topics can be treated from various points of view - with reference to both formal and informal institutions, as well as to political institutions and those regarding the economy, civil society and culture - with methodologies relevant to both economic history and the history of economic thought (micro-history, case studies, theoretical or economic policy debate between economists and policy makers, quantitative and qualitative analyses and institutional history of economic science).

The time reference to be considered is broad, with particular attention to the period, so full of significant and rapid changes and marked by incisive forms of international cooperation (albeit within the framework of permanent competition between blocs and between individual countries), that goes from the end of the Second World War to present day, also in consideration of the fact that 2020 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the conflict.

Contributions on the lengthy prior phase will also be welcome, especially those starting from the new philosophical, political and economic ideas that variously animated the 18<sup>th</sup> century reformism, the revolutionary vicissitudes of emancipation of the bourgeoisie, later followed by that of the proletariat, which determined important innovations to the institutions, their articulation and their tools in a prolonged phase of economic and social transformations, the complex construction and articulation of the State and administrative systems, in the context of the passage from the absolutist regimes of the Restoration, to the constitutional ones of the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, to the democratic ones of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, set against totalitarian regimes of opposite inspiration. The

various economic, social, cultural and educational policies implemented in this long and controversial evolution have profoundly marked not only the development of economic events, but also the ways in which economic sciences have been constructed, institutionalised and professionalised.

By way of example, here are some topics:

- the relationship between large business and international trade in a historical or comparative perspective;
- the role of duties, commercial treaties, institutions and regulations in promoting economic development and commercial integration;
- colonialism, protectionism and free trade;
- the role of small and medium enterprises in local and national development;
- national governments and public institutions in economic development and international economic relations;
- the activity of professional associations, trade unions and lobbies;
- religions, cultures and commercial integration;
- assessments of commercial and financial integration in specific countries or regions;
- advantages and disadvantages of trade and financial integration in a historical or comparative perspective;
- economic theories, trade and development in historical perspective;
- economists such as consultants for governments, banks and large corporations;
- consequences of globalisation on the political system;
- consequences of globalisation on corporate structures and strategies;
- old and new forms of protectionism;
- history of economic policy;
- demographic policies and migratory movements;
- tax policies;
- poverty, social inequalities and welfare;
- culture, training, research, creativity, innovation;
- territorial policies and imbalances at a regional, sub-regional and metropolitan area level;
- agricultural policies and food security;
- economic activities and the environment;
- regulation of economic activities;
- economic crime;
- social role of economists and historians;
- the institutionalisation and professionalisation of the economic sciences;
- cultural institutions, associations and tools for the dissemination and propagation of economic sciences;
- the role of economists and economic research in public institutions, public administration, economic bodies and large public and private enterprises.

Paper or session proposals must be sent by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2020, by registering through the conference website: [aispe-sise2020conference.eu](http://aispe-sise2020conference.eu)

The proposal must be accompanied by an abstract (max 500 words, 1000 per session, with an indication of title, objectives and mention of methodology). The session proposals, which must include the indication of at least two interventions (with title and respective speakers), must be considered as open proposals, subject to additions and adjustments, according to the proposals of the papers that will be received and the overall organisation of the conference. The list of accepted proposals will be communicated by May 30<sup>th</sup>. The paper must be sent, always by the conference website, by September 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.

The methods of participation (registration fees for members, non-members, accompanying persons, social dinner, etc.) will be announced in the coming weeks. The methods of publication of the final texts of the interventions will also be communicated.

All the information and document exchange will take place through the site that has been created ad hoc for the conference: [aispe-sise2020conference.eu](http://aispe-sise2020conference.eu)

## **Schedule**

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020: deadline for submitting proposals

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020: notification of acceptance

June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020: start of early registration

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020: deadline for early registration

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020: deadline for papers submission

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020: deadline for registration

September 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2020: conference

## **Official Languages**

Italian, English and French

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## **Info**

[aispe-sise2020conference.eu](http://aispe-sise2020conference.eu)

<http://www.aispe.eu/>

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## **Conference venue**

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