

**Proposal for a panel session at the upcoming XIIe Conference of the French Association of Political Economics (AFEP)**

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**TITLE: Economics and sociology of conventions – taking stock, looking ahead**

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**ABSTRACT:** The institutionalist approach of economics and sociology of conventions (EC/SC) has been invented in the region of Paris since the 1980ies. At its beginnings it was founded by economists, statisticians, historian and sociologists. Since then it has spread out to more disciplines and countries. EC/SC nowadays can be regarded as an internationally established scientific movement, which is developed by the next generations focusing research on “classical” topics as labor markets, quantification, but also on new topics e.g. as on ecology or law. Also, more and more contributions to EC/SC are published in languages as English or German.

EC/SC addresses social critique and tensions from its beginning. The dynamics of social inequalities, economic coordination and valuation as well as the plurality of different ways of valorizing of individuals can be regarded as EC/SC core approaches to the analysis of crises and inequality.

The panel will be devoted to presentations, which try to summarize and evaluate main lines of EC/SC’s developments and achievements. Also, deficiencies and problems as well as future perspectives and outlooks will be discussed in the planned panel. The panel will present the interdisciplinary relationships of EC/SC and approach theoretical, methodological and applied issues. The ongoing publication project “Handbook of economics and sociology of conventions” (Springer, <https://link.springer.com/referencework/10.1007/978-3-030-52130-1>) is one of the main reference for the panel, i.e. contribution can refer to first chapters, main outcomes of the panel will be included in upcoming chapters. Finally, the panel will ask for future contributions of EC/SC (to the analysis of main social problems and crises) as well as EC/SC potential for future institutional policies and counselling of public or private actors.

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