

2015 Call for Papers



The 36th Annual Meeting of AFIT will take place on **April 8-11, 2015 in Portland, Oregon**, at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront hotel (1401 SW Naito Parkway), in conjunction with the Western Social Science Association (WSSA) 57th Annual Conference.

Conference Theme:

Institutionalism: History, Theory, and Futures

The 2015 AFIT conference invites you to submit papers and sessions that address the history of Institutionalism, its theoretical development, and innovative futures and expansion. The conference theme encourages work on the *history of Institutionalism* – with respect to establishment of its *infrastructure and intellectual community*, and its connection to other heterodox approaches and to the broader *heterodox community*; development of theory and *impact on policy*; and efforts and strategies for *memory creation/preservation*. Papers employing and discussing *historical methods* and their role in *developing institutional theory* and the evolution of *capitalism* are welcomed.

The organizer encourages papers and sessions that historically and theoretically examine *institutional-heterodox concepts*— social provisioning; resource creation; life-process; institutional change; predation; enclosures; invidious distinction; waste; going concern; administered prices; centralized market planning; salesmanship; class; ownership; valuation; machine process; capital; and the social nature of money, among others. The organizer is interested in how we utilize and further develop those and other concepts to analyze the *capitalist process*, as well as theorizing violence, slavery, gender, precariousness, race/ethnicity, surveillance, incarceration, dependence, think-tanks, religion, politics of austerity, and money in politics.

Papers and sessions that address the futures and expansion of Institutionalism, including in the classroom and research, but also outside of academia, are strongly encouraged. Sessions and papers that showcase or outline potentials for theoretically meaningful *interdisciplinary collaborations*, as well as *connecting Institutionalism to other heterodox approaches* are strongly welcomed. For example, the organizer is interested in session(s) on *feminist-institutionalism*. Also, the conference seeks papers that utilize and develop *research methods* appropriate for institutional analysis, including ethnographic research, oral history, and social fabric matrix analysis, among others. Policy and issues-oriented topics are also welcomed, especially if connected to theoretical/methodological discussions. The conference organizer would like to specifically invite papers and panels about *Portland and the region*, and presentations by *local academic and other activists/practitioners* that would enrich the discussion about institutional analysis.

AFIT will continue the tradition of having one or more sessions that explore ideas, experiences, and materials to advance *economic education* from institutional and other heterodox perspectives. Finally, panels and papers discussing current changes in *higher education* are also welcomed.

The conference is receptive to proposals for panels that review and discuss *books* recently published by AFIT members. AFIT encourages proposals from **graduate students**. AFIT will continue to sponsor prizes for outstanding student papers. Check our website for announcement of the **student competition**.

The format of the 2015 conference panels does not include discussants. However, if you organize a panel, and you find it necessary to have discussants, you are welcome to do so. Proposals for complete sessions are encouraged.

Proposal Format: Paper

Title of the Paper
Name and Affiliation
Mailing Address, Telephone Number, E-mail
Willingness to serve as a moderator (areas)
Other Authors
Abstract (150 words; New Times Roman 12)

Proposal Format: Session

Title of the Session
Title of each Paper (3/4 papers)
Moderator with Affiliation, Mailing Address, Telephone Number, E-mail Address
Presenters with Affiliation, Mailing Address, Telephone Number, E-mail, Willingness to serve as moderators (areas)
Abstract for each paper (150 words; New Times Roman 12)

Current membership in AFIT is required for presenting a paper. AFIT's annual membership dues are \$25 and \$15 for full-time students. Please, pay here: <http://www.associationforinstitutionalthought.org/division.php?page=membership>. For conference registration information, please check the WSSA web site: <http://www.wssaweb.com/conferences.html>.

In order to better facilitate discussion, AFIT requests that you **e-mail your paper by April 1** to the moderator of your session. The suggested length of submitted papers is 3000 words. However, if you have prepared a longer paper, you are welcome to submit it in its original length. Please, make every effort to avoid cancellations, especially once the program is finalized! All proposals must be sent to the conference organizer by **December 1, 2014** by e-mail with the subject line **AFIT 2015 Proposal Last Name** and file attachment **last name_AFIT15** in Microsoft Word format to the conference organizer and Vice President of AFIT:

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