APPEAL Political Economy and the Law Workshop
CONNECTING IDEAS AND POLICIES FOR CHANGE

ON JUNE 13–15, 2018, PERI hosted the Fourth Annual APPEAL Political Economy and the Law Workshop. The three-day workshop aimed to build connections among legal scholars and economists concerned with current challenges of inequality, instability, and the related risks to human, political, and environmental well-being. The workshop was designed to develop economists’ understanding of the specific laws and legal institutions and concepts that underlie current systems and that shape the possibilities for reform. Participants explored the interrelationship between law and economy, with the goal of advancing a political economy view of markets and government as mutually constituted rather than separate spheres.

PARTICIPANTS

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Nicole Dewandre, European Commission
Peter Dorman, Evergreen State College
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Gerald Friedman, Univ. of Mass. Amherst
James Goodwin, Center for Progressive Reform
Rohan Grey, Cornell Univ.
Angela Harris, UC Davis
Allison Hoffman, Univ. of Pennsylvania Law
Jason Jackson, MIT
Amy Kapczynski, Yale Law School & LPE Blog
Nancy MacLean, Duke Univ.
Martha Mahoney, Univ. of Miami School of Law
Martha McCluskey, SUNY Buffalo Law School
Katherine Moos, PERI, Univ. of Mass. Amherst
Jamee Moudud, Sarah Lawrence College
Lenore Palladino, Smith College, Roosevelt Institute
Frank Pasquale, Univ. of Maryland Law
Mark Paul, Duke Univ., New College of Florida
Robert Pollin, PERI, Univ. of Mass. Amherst
Brishen Rogers, Temple Law
Mark Silverman, Franklin & Marshall
Amy Sinden, Temple Univ. Law
Liz, Stanton, Applied Economics Clinic
Jennifer Taub, Vermont Law School
Sandeep Vaheesan, Open Markets Institute
Lily Vo, Attorney
Nick Werle, Yale Law School
Ruqaijah Yearby, St. Louis Univ. School of Law
Lua Kamal Yuille, Univ. of Kansas Law
APPEAL Political Economy and the Law Workshop:  
Connecting Ideas and Policies for Change  
Hosted and Co-Sponsored by the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI)  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Wednesday, June 13  Introductory Session

3:30 – 5:30 pm  Law and Economics Introductory “Boot Camp”  
Jennifer Taub (Vermont Law School)  
Martha McCluskey (SUNY Buffalo Law School)  
Mark Silverman (Franklin & Marshall)  
Jamee Moudud (Sarah Lawrence)  
3rd Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall

6:00 pm  Dinner for introductory session participants and early arrivals  
Opportunity for introductory “Lightning Round” presentations  
Amherst Room, 10th Floor UMass Campus Center

Thursday, June 14

8:00-8:45 am  Breakfast and Registration  
Atrium, Gordon Hall

9:00 -9:45 am  Welcome  
Gerald Epstein (Co-Director, PERI; Univ. of Mass. Amherst)  
Political Economy Overview  
Robert Pollin (Co-Director, PERI; Univ. of Mass. Amherst)  
Martha McCluskey (APPEAL & SUNY Buffalo Law)  
Amy Kapczynski (Yale Law School & LPE Blog)  
3rd Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall

10:00 – 11:45 am  Plenary: Democracy, Economy and Neoliberalism  
Gerald Epstein (moderator)  
Nancy MacLean (Duke University)  
Angela Harris (UC Davis)  
Rohan Grey (Cornell University)  
Nicole Dewandre (European Commission)  
3rd Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall

11:45 – 1:30 pm  Breakout Group Meetings Over Lunch  
Pick up lunch in Atrium, Gordon Hall  

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See below (end of schedule) for more details
1:30 – 3:00 pm  **Plenary: Climate Crisis and Economic Policy**
James Boyce, Moderator (PERI; University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Frank Ackerman (Synapse Energy Economics)
Liz Stanton (Applied Economics Clinic)
David Driesen (Syracuse University College of Law)
Peter Dorman (Evergreen State College)
Robert Pollin (Co-Director, PERI; University of Massachusetts Amherst)
*3rd Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall*

3:00-3:15 pm  **Break**
*Snacks available in the Atrium*

3:15- 4:45 pm  **Plenary: Health Law and Economics**
Frank Pasquale, Moderator (University of Maryland Law)
Allison Hoffman (University of Pennsylvania Law)
Michael Ash (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Ruqaiijah Yearby (St. Louis University School of Law)
Gerald Friedman (University of Massachusetts Amherst)
Nick Werle (Yale Law School)
*3rd Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall*

4:45 – 5:45 pm  **Breakout Group Meetings** (see above & attached details)

6:00 – 7:00 pm  **Reception and Announcements**
*University Club, 243 Stockbridge Road, Amherst*

7:00 pm  **Dinner**
*University Club*

**Friday, June 15**

8:00 – 8:45 am  **Breakfast**
*Atrium, Gordon Hall*

9:00 – 10:30 am  **Plenary: Law, Finance, and the Economy**
Jennifer Taub, Moderator (Vermont Law School)
Christine Desan (Harvard Law School)
Mehrsa Baradaran (Univ. of Georgia Law)
Jamee Moudud (Sarah Lawrence College)
Lenore Palladino (Smith College, Roosevelt Institute)
Gerald Epstein (Co-Director, PERI, Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst)
*3rd Floor Conference Room (302-204), Gordon Hall*

10:30 – 10:45 am  **Break**
*Snacks available in the Atrium*
10:45 – 12:30 pm  **Plenary: Inequality and Work**  
Lua Kamal Yuille, Moderator & Commentator (Univ. of Kansas Law)  
Nancy Folbre (PERI, Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst)  
Katherine Moos (PERI, Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst)  
Jason Jackson (MIT)  
Mark Paul (Duke University, New College of Florida)  
Brishen Rogers (Temple Law)  
Raúl Carrillo (Modern Money Network; Attorney)  
3rd Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall

12:30 - 2:15 pm  **Lunch & Breakout Group Meetings** (see above & attached details)  
*Pick up lunch in Atrium, Gordon Hall*

2:15 – 3:45 pm  **Plenary: Politics of Expertise: Technocracy and Policy**  
Frank Pasquale (moderator and commentator)  
Sandeep Vaheesan (Open Markets Institute)  
James Goodwin (Center for Progressive Reform)  
Amy Sinden (Temple University Law)  
Lily Vo (Attorney)  
Martha Mahoney (University of Miami School of Law)  
3rd Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall

3:45 - 4:00 pm  **Break**  
*Snacks available in the Atrium*

4:00 – 5:30 pm  **Plenary: Breakout Group Reports and New Directions**  
*Ideas for Teaching, Research, Collaboration*  
3rd Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall

5:30 – 7:00  **Reception**  
*Atrium, Gordon Hall*

TBA  
Possible dinner or drinks gathering(s) on your own for those staying in the area overnight.

**BREAKOUT GROUPS**

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Additional rooms available for any additional groups that arise: 201 & 301 Gordon Hall
**Breakout Groups Format & Goals:** Rather than formal paper presentations, we’d like these to be “working sessions” that can help develop political economy ideas & connections. Groups will be asked to take notes and report back Friday afternoon.

a) **“Lightning round” introductions,** aim for 3-4 minutes each, adding to your abstract, and any particular feedback you’d like, your initial thoughts on one or more questions below, or another issue for discussion. *We’ll circulate longer papers to group members; send electronically by June 7 to Denise.Rowboatfoundation@gmail.com.* Feel free to bring hard copies too.

b) **Questions for Friday plenary report:**
   - What core principles and assumptions should guide analysis of this topic?
   - What are some key recommended readings or resources?
   - How can analysis and policy on this topic respond to a range of inequalities and divisions, such as race, gender, citizenship status, religion, family status?
   - What specific policy reforms are most promising?
   - What questions would be most fruitful for further collaborative research & exchange?