



## Association for Institutional Thought [AFIT]

### 2005 CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual meeting of AFIT will be held

April 13 - 16, 2004

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Albuquerque, New Mexico

In conjunction with the Western Social Science  
Association (WSSA) 47th Annual Conference

Theme for the 2005 Conference:

### **The Methodology of Institutional Economics**

Institutional economists rely on a wide range of tools and methods as they seek to create economic knowledge and analyze economic problems. These tools and methods allow institutional economists to view/analyze/define economic problems holistically and, potentially, to offer potent and realistic policy prescriptions to deal with real world socioeconomic problems. The theme for this conference was chosen to move AFIT in the direction of defining and presenting institutional methodology in clear and easily communicated ways.

Some possible themes for panels and/or papers

- Mathematical and statistical methods for institutional analysis (including system/network analysis)
- The logic of inquiry in institutional analysis
- The case study method as an analytical tool
- Historical analysis as a tool of economics
- Communicating institutional ideas to non-institutionalist economists

In addition to the above topics, AFIT welcomes papers reflecting the tradition and analytical perspective of institutional economics and applications of institutional analysis to current policy issues. Submissions from economists of other heterodox schools of thought are also welcome. AFIT encourages proposals from graduate students, and it is anticipated that at least one and possibly more panels of graduate student papers will be included in the program this year.

AFIT hopes to continue the tradition of having one or more roundtables on ideas, experiences, and materials helpful for incorporating institutionalism and heterodox economics into our teaching. Participants in these roundtables are encouraged to submit their materials for posting on the AFIT web site.

Anyone interested in attending the AFIT Conference or in finding out more about the organization may visit the AFIT web site at <http://afit.cba.nau.edu>. The WSSA web site can be found at <http://wssa.asu.edu>.

You must be a member of AFIT to present a paper at the conference. Annual dues are only \$15. Contact Steven Bolduc, Secretary-Treasurer of AFIT, ([bolduc@mnstate.edu](mailto:bolduc@mnstate.edu)).

How to submit a proposal:

Individual Paper Proposals. Proposals should include the following information:

Section: AFIT  
Author:  
Mailing Address:  
Telephone:  
Fax:  
E-mail:  
Title of Paper:  
Abstract (150 words):

Complete Panel Proposals. Complete panel proposals are invited. Panel proposals should include 3-4 papers, 1-2 discussants and a panel chair. Panel organizers should send a brief letter with the following information: 1) Title of panel; 2) List of Participants; 3) E-mail addresses for all panel participants. Each participant in the panel should also submit an individual proposal with the information listed above.

Please note: Abstracts of papers presented at AFIT will be included in the WSSA published abstract disk (available at the conference). WSSA requires that abstracts not exceed 150 words. *Excessively long abstracts will be truncated at the word limit.*

Audiovisual or other equipment needs: Individual and panel proposals should include requests for any equipment (WSSA does not provide computer projectors). It is difficult (and expensive) to arrange for equipment at the last minute. Please plan ahead!

Send proposals by E-mail (file attachment in Microsoft Word or RTF format preferred) to the Vice President of AFIT:

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Deadline for proposal submission: December 1, 2004