



Association for Institutional Thought [AFIT]

2007 CALL FOR PAPERS

The annual meeting of AFIT will be held

April 11-14, 2007

Calgary, Alberta

Hyatt Regency Calgary

700 Centre Street SE,

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

In conjunction with the Western Social Science Association (WSSA) 49th Annual Conference

Theme for the 2007 Conference:

Borders and Boundaries in Institutional Economics

With recognition of the role of culture in organizing economic activity, institutional work draws its inspiration from messy reality-- the overlap of disciplinary boundaries, the interaction between diverse intellectual traditions, and the conflict and cooperation between social groups within and between societies. Possible themes for papers and/or panels could include the influence of other social science traditions on institutional economics, the application of interdisciplinary work in pragmatic policy analysis, the connection or overlap between diverse elements within heterodox economic theory, and the relevance of cultural norms and cross cultural conflict in the study of economic systems.

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://www.orgs.bucknell.edu/afee/afit/>. 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).

How to submit a proposal: please follow instructions.

Individual Paper Proposals. Proposals must be sent in electronic form as a Microsoft Word attachment in Times New Roman, 12 point font, single-spaced, and include the following information:

Section: AFIT

Contact Author:
Affiliation:
Mailing Address:
Telephone:
Fax:
E-mail:

Willing to serve as discussant/moderator (y/n):
Overhead projector (y/n):
Other equipment request:

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Line 1: Author
Line 2: Affiliation
(repeat lines 1 and 2 as necessary)
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Line 3: Title (place title within quotation marks: "Institutionalist Theory")
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Abstract: Not to exceed 200 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 200 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 (with the subject line AFIT 2007 Proposal Lastname and file attachment in Microsoft Word or RTF format preferred) to the Vice President of AFIT:

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