



## The Association for Institutional Thought 2011 Call for Papers

The 32<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of AFIT will be held

**April 13-16, 2011**

Salt Lake City, Utah

Hilton Salt Lake Center

In conjunction with the Western Social Science Association (WSSA) 53<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference

### **Theme for the 2011 Conference: Institutionalism and Building Heterodox Economics**

Institutional economics starts from the view that the social provisioning process is an instituted process and that institutions along with organizations such as the business enterprise, cartels, trade unions, and governmental bodies are basic units of economic analysis. The Association for Institutional Thought provides an excellent platform for the delivery of papers concerned with theoretic and applied issues in a broad range of areas, including but not limited to macro and monetary economics, microeconomics, political economy, labor, regulatory and environmental economics, economies in transition, history of thought, institutional selection and evolutionary theory, healthcare, trade and globalization, poverty and inequality, and the economics of sports. The Association invites contributions that employ heterodox theory and models or techniques of investigation and analysis. AFIT sessions are well-attended, and presenters can expect to receive valuable comments on their work. Proposals for complete panels (including discussant(s)) are welcome.

The theme for the 2011 AFIT conference is: Institutionalism and Building Heterodox Economics. Institutional economics is an important contributor to the building of heterodox economics. The 2011 theme recognizes this contribution and wants to further it. Therefore, the conference organizer is interested in papers and sessions that address theoretical issues that engage both institutional economics and other approaches in heterodox economics—such as, for example, institutional contributions to heterodox production and cost theory or institutionalist view of resources as becoming and the Georgist view of land as a factor of production. The organizer is also interested in papers and sessions that historically and theoretically examine important institutional-heterodox concepts—circular production, cumulative causation, social embeddedness, and the definition of economics as the science of the social provisioning process. Finally, the organizer recognizes that there are many topics of interest to institutional-heterodox economists that are not connected to the conference theme: papers on those topics are welcome as well.

Proposals for complete sessions are encouraged—see the submission format below. If you are proposing a complete session, please arrange to have discussants for your papers and a moderator for your session.

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. In addition, AFIT will

continue to sponsor prizes for outstanding student papers. A formal announcement of this year's competition is attached.

AFIT will continue the tradition of having one or more sessions that explores ideas, experiences, and materials to advance economic education from institutional and other heterodox perspectives.

Participants in these roundtables are encouraged to submit their materials to the conference organizer for posting on the AFIT web site. AFIT is also receptive to proposals for panels to review and discuss books recently published by AFIT members.

Individuals whose papers are accepted may also be expected to serve as a discussant for a different paper at the meetings. If you list the areas you prefer to discuss, all attempts will be made to match your preferences.

*Proposal Format: Paper*

Title of the Paper

Name, Affiliation, Mailing Address, Telephone Number, E-mail Address

Other Authors

Abstract (not exceeding 200 words; type in 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

Discussant(s) with Affiliation, Mailing Address, Telephone Number, E-mail Address

Presenters with Affiliation, Mailing Address, Telephone Number, E-mail Address

Abstract for each paper for the session (not exceeding 200 words; type in New Times Roman 12)

Anyone interested in attending the AFIT Conference or in finding out more about the organization may visit the AFIT web site at <http://www.associationforinstitutionalthought.org/>. Conference registration information can be found at the WSSA web site <http://wssa.asu.edu>.

You must be a member of AFIT to present a paper at the conference—there are not exceptions. Annual dues are \$25. Contact Mary Wrenn, Secretary-Treasurer of AFIT, ([MaryWrenn@weber.edu](mailto:MaryWrenn@weber.edu)).

All participants are required to register for the WSSA-AFIT conference prior to March 1, 2011. This means everybody: professors, graduate students, undergraduate students—there are no exceptions.

All proposals must be sent to the conference organizer by **December 1, 2010**. Send proposals by E-mail with the subject line AFIT 2010 Proposal Last name and file attachment in Microsoft Word or RTF format to the conference organizer and Vice President of AFIT:

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