

Call for Papers

June 20th – 22nd, 2024

38th Heilbronn Symposium in Economics and the Social Sciences

Post-war Keynesianism in Germany and Western Europe

Keynesian ideas have been central to the major debates about economic policy and macroeconomic theory for the larger part of the 20th century. This holds for the period of reconstruction after World War II, as well as for the following age of economic prosperity, before accelerating inflation and the first oil price shock brought an end for the *trente glorieuses*. One main focus of the conference will be the case of West Germany, where the strong position of Keynesian economics at most universities since the 1950s contrasts with Ordoliberalism and the concept of the Social Market Economy which became dominant in economic policy after the war, while in other countries ideas of indicative planning played a significant role. In this context, the effects of emigration and remigration as well as the early pre-war roots of Keynesian theories and policies will also be considered. Contributions could further be on Keynesianism in France, Italy, on Scandinavian countries, etc. We also invite contributions on important pioneers of Keynesianism in theory and policy, such as Erich Schneider, Andreas Paulsen, or Karl Schiller in Germany, Kurt Rothschild in Austria, Gottfried Bombach in Switzerland, or Robert Marjolin and Alain Barrère in France.

It is the mission of the Heilbronn meetings to unearth a body of literature that is tied to the German language, and no longer available to the international community of scholars. In keeping with the threefold mission of the Heilbronn symposia, we shall first try to achieve an identification and critical reconstruction of the body of literature surveyed, secondly provide a critical discussion and rendition in terms of contemporary social science modelling and discourse, and thirdly address the importance and usefulness of this body of literature for contemporary theory and policy.

There will be no registration fee, so no subsidies can be requested. Active participants will be our guests during the conference, depending on the state of the budget.

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