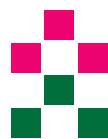


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The Summer School explores the debates and policies that gave rise to political economy as a field of inquiry. Rather than treating it as a precursor to modern economics, participants will examine political economy as a historically situated set of practices and arguments, embedded in specific institutional, imperial, and ecological contexts. These took related yet disparate forms, ranging from the much-maligned shorthand of "mercantilism" to self-conscious traditions such as Cameralism, Colbertism, Physiocracy, and *economia civile*. Bringing together approaches from intellectual history, economic history, and the history of science, the Summer School will focus on three interconnected axes: **1. Subsistence, Sociability, and the Problem of Order.** How did early modern societies confront the tensions between scarcity, market dependence, and political stability? In what ways did concerns over provisioning, luxury, and commercial competition shape understandings of social order? **2. Production, Power, and the Uneven Wealth of Nations.** Why did some nations prosper while others lagged behind? How did contemporaries understand the relationship between production, trade, and state power in a competitive international order? **3. Rights, Justice, and the Legitimacy of Economic Life.** How were inequality, property, and market outcomes justified or contested within emerging frameworks of rights and justice? What moral limits were placed on economic activity, and by whom?

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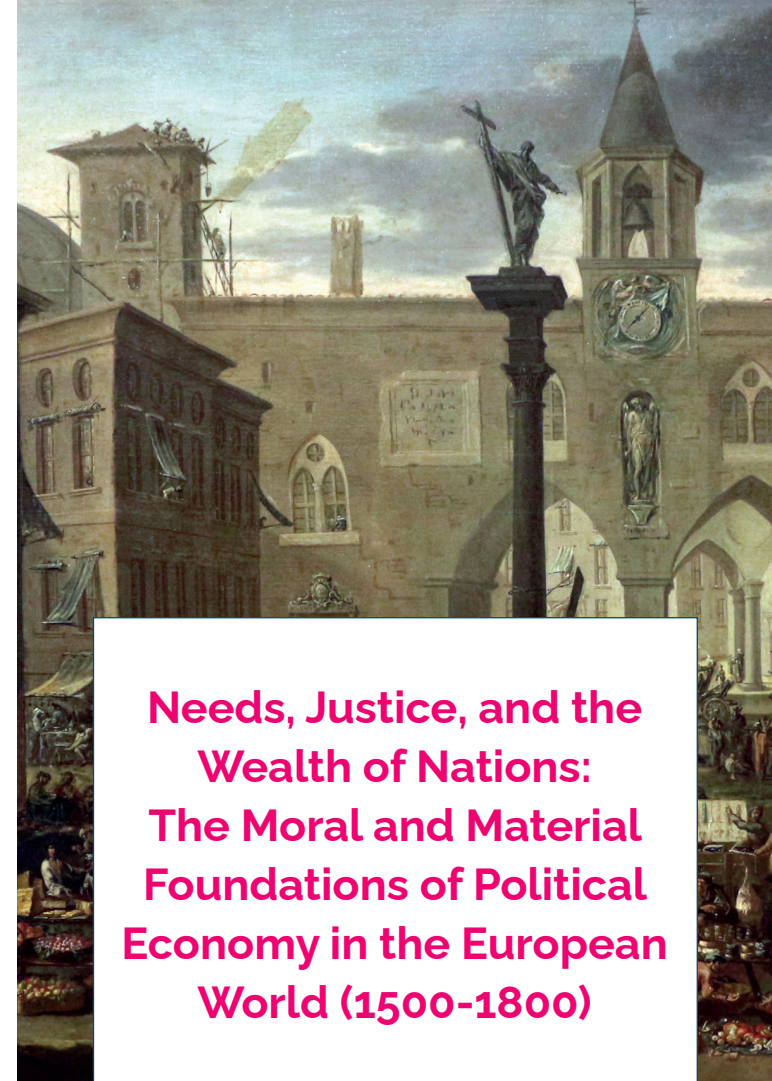
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# PROGRAMME

## Thursday | 17 September

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| 14.30       | <b>Participants' registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                |
| 15.00-15.30 | <b>Opening remarks</b><br><b>Mirko Canevaro</b> ( <i>Fondazione 1563</i> )<br><b>Sophus Reinert</b> ( <i>THP and Harvard Business School</i> )                                                   |
| 15.30-16.15 | <b>Sophus Reinert</b> ( <i>THP and Harvard Business School</i> ) <b>Needs, Justice, and the Wealth of Nations</b><br>CHAIR: Vincenzo Ferrone                                                     |
| 16.15-16.30 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 16.30-17.15 | <b>Felicia Gottmann</b> ( <i>Northumbria University</i> ) <b>The Great Divergence or: European Political Economy in Global Context in the Decade of the Economic Turn</b><br>CHAIR: John Shovlin |
| 17.15-18.00 | <b>Summer School early career researchers: presentations</b><br>CHAIR: Lasse Andersen                                                                                                            |
| 18.00       | End of discussion and transfer to the Museo del Risparmio (a 15-minute walk)                                                                                                                     |
| 18.30-19.30 | <b>Visit of the Museo del Risparmio</b> (via San Francesco D'Assisi, 8/a - Torino)                                                                                                               |



## Friday | 18 September

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| 10.00-10.45 | <b>John Shovlin</b> ( <i>New York University</i> ) <b>Why was Jean-François Melon the most widely read political economist in Europe before Adam Smith?</b><br>CHAIR: Felicia Gottmann                             |
| 10.45-11.15 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11.15-12.00 | <b>Suzanne Levin</b> ( <i>THP</i> ) <b>Finance and the French Revolution: A New Look through the Prism of the National Convention</b><br>CHAIR: Ruoyu Han                                                          |
| 12.00-12.45 | <b>Ruoyu Han</b> ( <i>THP</i> ) <b>What is Living and What is Dead in Smith's Theory of Capital</b><br>CHAIR: Suzanne Levin                                                                                        |
| 12.45-13.45 | Lunch break                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 13.45-14.30 | <b>Giulio Talini</b> ( <i>THP</i> ) <b>The Material of Freedom: Abolition and the Land Question in the Cercle Social (1791-1794)</b><br>CHAIR: Matteo Rossi                                                        |
| 14.30-15.15 | <b>Matteo Rossi</b> ( <i>THP</i> ) <b>The Profits of Race: Slavery and the Origins of Political Economy in the United States (1820s-1850s)</b><br>CHAIR: Giulio Talini                                             |
| 15.15-15.45 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 15.45-16.30 | <b>Pernille Røge</b> ( <i>University of Pittsburgh</i> ) <b>The Colonial Crucible: Physiocracy, Cameralism, and the Wealth of Empire in the Danish and French Caribbean, c. 1760-1800</b><br>CHAIR: Sophus Reinert |
| 16.30-17.00 | <b>Discussion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 17.00       | Cocktail reception at Palazzo d'Azeglio                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Saturday | 19 September

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| 9.30-10.15  | <b>Lasse Andersen</b> ( <i>Institute of Intellectual History, University of St Andrews</i> ) <b>Needs and Justice beyond the Wealth of Nations: The Political Economy of Parental Affection</b><br>CHAIR: Pernille Røge |
| 10.15-11.30 | <b>Summer School early career researchers: presentations</b><br>CHAIR: Lasse Andersen                                                                                                                                   |
| 11.30-11.45 | Coffee break                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 11.45-12.30 | <b>Summer School early career researchers: presentations</b><br>CHAIR: Lasse Andersen                                                                                                                                   |
| 12.30-13.00 | <b>Final remarks</b><br><b>Sophus Reinert</b> ( <i>THP and Harvard Business School</i> ) and THP fellows                                                                                                                |
| 13.00       | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

