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CALL FOR PAPERS

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Economic Flexibility and Social Stability in the Age of Globalization

The theme of the SASE 2008 meeting is suggested by Karl Polanyi's *The Great Transformation*. Polanyi interprets the history of industrial society in the 19th and 20th centuries in terms of a pendulum-like "double movement." One side of that movement is toward free and flexible markets that underpin, and in some sense foster, the material and technological gains associated with the Industrial Revolution. The other side is a reaction to the disruption that these markets impose on people's lives, an attempt to preserve the social relations through which people understand themselves and find meaning in their lives. The current era of globalization mirrors that of the late 19th and early 20th centuries in many ways. Markets are being established, liberalized, and deregulated throughout the world. Goods, finance, and people are moving within and across frontiers at an ever-accelerating pace. And people are bewildered, looking for alternatives to their increasingly chaotic and insecure lives. Furthermore, the reaction emerging today recalls the politics and policies of the Great Depression and the immediate postwar period, when the second half of Polanyi's double movement came into effect. But with one critical difference: While the theories that have guided deregulation and globalization in the closing decades of the 20th century are the direct descendants of the laissez faire ideas that guided globalization a century ago, the philosophies that informed the second half of the double movement—that is, the social legislation that grew out of the Great Depression—have in many ways been discredited. Today's reaction is therefore more instinctive and visceral than deliberate and considered,

and the question is whether it will indeed be possible to reconcile these two movements in theory or through practical politics. We will examine the prospects for reconciliation in a series of panels on the contemporary relevance of four major social and economic theorists: Marx, Keynes, Polanyi, and Hirschman.

A fifth panel will specifically explore the possibility that these older social theorists have been rendered obsolete by new technologies, especially information networking, which, if true, would call for new understandings of economic development, north-south relations, and the relationship between the economy and the society. The practical dimension will be explored through papers and panels drawing on grounded research on specific industries and geographic areas and devoted, where possible, to innovative approaches to critical markets (for labor, capital, raw materials, and the like). Special attention will be focused on the reaction against neoliberalism and the Washington Consensus in Latin American countries; to parallels in other countries and regions of the world; to the economic roots of that reaction; and to changes in economic and social policy that have emerged as a result not only in the region but throughout the world.

To explore the interaction between scholarly theory and political practice, we draw on the Latin American tradition of combining public service with careers as intellectuals and academicians. Óscar Arias, the Nobel Laureate and current President of Costa Rica, is one of the most prominent representatives of this tradition. He will also be the keynote speaker at the meeting. SASE will invite a group of prominent Latin American politicians with similar backgrounds to join him as panelists and discussants in roundtables with each other and with the academic participants.

The conference is organized in a series of networks which are listed on our webpage www.sase.org. If a particular network is not designated with a submission, the paper will be assigned to a workshop by the organizing committee. The official language of the meetings will be in English. But a limited number of sessions will be in Spanish and in French, and organized by those networks. Proposals submitted in Spanish or French will be assigned to the relevant language networks. Otherwise proposals should be submitted in English and papers presented in that language (although the papers themselves may be submitted in Spanish or French as well as English).

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Guidelines for Submission of Proposals

Sessions will be organized primarily through the Network Organizers. In addition to formal paper sessions, the 2008 meeting will include author meets critic panels and focused debates on important issues. Contact information for the Network Organizers and a description of each network is available on the Research Networks Page.

If you are interested in organizing a panel or presenting a paper, fill out the [Paper Proposal Form](#) or the [Session Proposal Form](#) and designate a network for your proposal. Your proposal will be sent both to the Network Organizer and the SASE office. Participants are strongly encouraged to organize their own sessions - either related to the theme of the meeting or any other topic related to socio-economics.

Paper proposals require a paper title and an abstract of up to 200 words, and complete contact information. Session proposals require a session title, an abstract of up to 200 words for the session, paper titles, and complete contact information for each of the presenters

NOTE: SASE policy permits only two participations per individual at the annual meeting. A participation consists of delivering a paper at an official panel, or participating in a roundtable or similar discussion-oriented panel.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU INCLUDE ALL OF THE CONTACT INFORMATION – PARTICULARLY A CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS AND A POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING CO-AUTHORS. THIS WILL ASSURE THAT LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE ARE SENT TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS.

The deadline for submitting proposals is March 15, 2008.

The SASE office will notify you formally of the acceptance of your proposal. If you do not receive a letter of acceptance from the SASE office by April 15, 2008, contact the SASE office by e-mail to find out the status of your proposal.

MEETING COSTS

To participate in the SASE meeting you must be a current member of SASE. You can join by submitting your membership [registration form](#). Membership in SASE includes a one-year subscription to [Socio-Economic Review](#), SASE's journal. The subscription will include issues published during 2008.

Note: All presenters, except those designated as "Featured Speakers," are required to register for the meeting and pay the registration fee.

Non-Student Rates

Early Registration (Through April 15, 2008)

SASE Member: \$160
Non-Member: \$235 (Includes \$75 dues)

Late Registration (After April 15, 2008)

SASE Member: \$200
Non-Member: \$275 (Includes \$75 dues)

Student Rates

Early Registration: (Through April 15, 2008)

SASE Member: \$80
Non-Member \$130 (Includes \$50 dues)

Late Registration (After April 15, 2008)

SASE Member: \$100
Non-Member: \$150 (Includes \$50 dues)

TRAVEL AWARDS

There will be travel awards for attendance at SASE 2008. Up to five prizewinners will be selected for outstanding papers by scholars from universities and research institutions outside the European Union or North America. Prizewinners will receive up to \$1,000 to attend SASE 2008 in San Jose, Costa Rica. The selection committee invites submissions of publishable quality. Papers in English of 10,000 word maximum must be received electronically at the SASE office by February 15, 2008. Awards will be announced by April 1, 2008. A paper proposal form, with an abstract, should also be sent to the appropriate network organizer through the normal submission process. Papers will not be considered for an award unless they are accepted by a network organizer.

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

To recognize graduate students and to encourage them to attend the meeting, SASE will provide up to 5 stipends to the author(s) of the best graduate student papers submitted. Each of the students selected will receive an award of \$500 to help with expenses. Faculty and other members of SASE are encouraged to submit the papers of their graduate students. Students may also submit their papers directly. In case of multiple authors, the stipend will be shared among the authors who attend the meeting.

To be considered for an award, papers must meet the following criteria:

1. Have a maximum word length of 5,000 (word length to be added at the end of papers);
2. Address socio-economic issues;
3. Display originality in at least one of the following ways:
 - a. Discovery of new ideas/facts/concepts/interpretations
 - b. Critical examination of existing ideas/facts/concepts/interpretations
 - c. Development/adaptation of ideas of others
 - d. Demonstrate understanding of relevant socio-economic and other literature; and
4. Be well-written and clearly presented; include an abstract, introduction, conclusion, and appropriate sub-sections throughout; and employ a recognized system for Notes and References. The paper may be written in English, French, or Spanish.

It is permissible for the paper to have been submitted as part of an MA or Ph.D. thesis.

If you wish to apply for this award, send an electronic copy of your paper to the SASE office by February 15, 2008. An abstract of the paper should also be sent to one of the Network Organizers through the normal proposal process. The SASE office will notify the winning candidates by April 15, 2008. To be eligible for the award, selected graduate students must participate in the meeting.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Information on hotels are available on the [Costa Rica DMC Tours](#) site, SASE's official tourist agency.

You will also find some offers for one-day and three-day tours.

If you have questions about proposing sessions or papers, or any other details concerning the meeting, contact the SASE office at:

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[Paper proposal](#)
[Session proposal](#)
[Meeting registration](#)
[Membership form](#)

Up-to-date information on the San Jose meeting will be posted on the SASE website. Check it often!!

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Description of Research Networks

(A) Communitarian Ideals and Civil Society

This network focuses on the moral underpinnings of human thought, practices, and institutions. It examines the communal roles of both individual autonomy and social order in the building of a viable civil society. The network's core is social and scientific. Yet, while it relies on social-science theory and research, philosophers and ethicists are considered essential partners in examining communities and societies as cultural and social phenomena. Communities and societies are looked upon as much more than the aggregated products of free-standing individuals motivated merely by calculative self-interest.

(B) Globalization and Socio-Economic Development

The aim of this network is twofold: (1) To test the ambiguous effects of globalization on local socio-economic development. In particular, issues of traditional and new flexible forms of local economies, the role of local institutions and local governance models will be examined; and (2) To compare dominant and alternative models of country development and to assess the strengths and weaknesses of development policies for developed, developing, and transition countries.

(C) Gender, Work, and Family

This network focuses on exploring the current state, and the changes in institutions concerned with gender and family roles and workplace organization. A particular interest of the network is theory and research on social policies that produce greater compatibility between institutions geared toward production for the market and reproduction in the family. The network also focuses on cultural and social barriers that prevent positive integration of family and work, examines gender inequalities in work and family, and looks at the inter-relationship of gender roles across these institutions.

(D) Occupations and Professions

This network is broadly concerned with the evolution of occupations and professions. A particular interest is the way in which occupations, professional groups, and professional service firms are instrumental in constructing markets and market regulation within national and international contexts. The network welcomes contributions on how firms such as accountants, lawyers, management consultants, investment bankers, brokers and analysts participate in the development of forms of market regulation in national and international public and private arenas and how they construct and legitimate their knowledge and expertise in these areas. Such contributions may be historical in perspective as well as analyses of contemporary processes of market regulation and market building in the developed and the developing world. The role of these actors in specific institutional arenas both national and international (e.g. the EU and the WTO) and their impact on market rules in areas such as accounting standards, corporate law, central banking and public finances is of particular concern. Studies of the interaction between rule building, the development and application of professional knowledge and expertise and the politics of institutional change are encouraged. Studies of how occupations, professional groups and professional firms are organized and the relationship between national professional associations and international professional service firms are also welcome.

(E) Industrial Relations and the Political Economy

The general goal of this network is to advance a conceptually and empirically rigorous qualitative and quantitative study of comparative and international political economy. The specific aim is to better integrate research on changing labor markets and industrial relations with the study of contemporary capitalisms. Of particular interests to this network is the analysis of the dynamics of change in industrial relations, and its theoretical and conceptual contributions to the debate on institutional change in contemporary political economies. The network encourages interdisciplinary dialogue among sociologists, economists, and political scientists whose research draws on a variety of theoretical perspectives. Among more specific topics of interest are: state and societal actors' responses to increasing competition and integration of national economies; the role of strategic, purposeful action in changing industrial relations institutions; conditions, mechanics, and results of social concertation; emerging new institutions for labor regulation in global supply chains; international migration; and interest representation and collective action in the informal economy.

(F) Knowledge, Technology, and Innovation

This network's goal is to promote theory and research on the economic and social role of knowledge and its implications. Contributing to an interdisciplinary, critical perspective on world development, the network focuses on inter-relationships among knowledge formation, use, and diffusion in organizations and institutions locally, nationally, and internationally. Among topics of particular interest are: national systems of innovation; firms as knowledge systems; formal and tacit knowledge in organizations; knowledge sharing and organizational learning; knowledge workers; and knowledge, science, and society.

(G) Labor Markets, Education, and Human Resources

Social institutions and social structures exert a huge influence on the workings of labor markets, the links between jobs and vocational education and training, and the way firms manage their human resources. The network welcomes contributions on the general issues of labor market segmentation, unemployment, and the link between training, skills and jobs, as well as on the implications of the new human resource management practices of firms for the future of skills and employment, and on the new incentive and reward structures that support these. It also welcomes theoretical work on the interaction between 'competitive' and 'institutional' forces in labor markets.

(H) Markets, Firms, and Institutions

This network focuses on the interrelationships between markets, firms, and institutions. New approaches to the study of markets are needed to understand better how different markets (e.g. capital markets, product markets, etc.) and market processes (e.g. competition, cooperation, speculation, risk) are related to the changing strategies, structures and governance of business firms. Moreover, both markets and firms are themselves embedded within various institutional contexts at the sectoral, regional, national and international levels. Institutional diversity impact the capacities of firms and patterns of cooperation and competition in markets, while markets and business interests themselves are important factors in the politics of institutional change. We welcome a wide range of theoretical perspectives (e.g. political economy, economic sociology, management studies, neo-institutionalism, and comparative institutional analysis). Recent topics have included financial systems, corporate governance, inter-firm networks, strategy, national business systems, varieties of capitalism,

internationalization and regional integration, business interest associations, and processes of institutional change.

(I) Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration

This network addresses processes, patterns, and changes related to socio-economic aspects of race, ethnicity, and immigration in all parts of the world, and from different historical eras. The network seeks to develop a forum for theory and research on the study of these processes, which include but are not limited to: cooperation and conflict, inequality, identity, ideology, measurement and classification systems, policy implications, labor market incorporation, segregation, and stratification. The network welcomes research from diverse disciplinary, theoretical, and methodological perspectives, which address issues of race, ethnicity, and immigration.

(J) Rethinking the Welfare State

This network focuses on the contours, causes, and consequences of state policies aimed at insuring, supplementing, redistributing, or assuring growth in income by a diverse means including income or in-kind transfers, services, jobs policies, economic stabilization, and competitive policies. The network also examines reciprocal effects of policies and politics, including diverse political strategies and political and social movements from all parts of the political and institutional spectrum that bear on the fate of a broadly conceived definition of the welfare state.

(K) Socio-Economic Theory

The goal of this network is to explore and develop theoretical tools for the analysis of economic processes and their intersection with broader (political, cultural, and moral) social systems. Such tools may be sought through systematic engagement with a range of theoretical traditions -- including but not limited to rational choice theory, game theoretic approaches, heterodox economics, Marxist theory, feminist theory, postmodernism, post-structuralism, cultural studies, institutionalist approaches, etc. -- *and* by exploring the theoretical implications of new areas of

(L) Law and the Social Sciences

Law is both a constraint upon social action and as a constituting force that shapes social institutions. Law operates at both an instrumental and normative level, and thus legal discourse provides a platform for social critique. This network will examine the role of law in shaping the institutions that define the labor market, the economy, and global trade. It will consider how legal rules, principles, and policies interact with methodologies and insights from the other social sciences.