

CALL FOR PAPERS

Developing Quantitative Marxism

3rd-5th April 2008, Burwalls Hall, University of Bristol

Organised by School of Economics, University of the West of England, Bristol.

Offers of papers are invited for a conference on developing quantitative and empirical Marxism. This conference will pick up and develop the themes from the *Quantitative Marxism* book published in 1991 (see below). The book was well received and did have some success in showing the potential for Marxist analysis to confront data and engage in debate, but the impetus is waning and it seems that bringing together some of the researchers in the area might provide further momentum. The effects of the RAE have been to marginalise Marxist and other heterodox economists and their position remains weak within the profession. It is not all the result of external attacks, too often, while Marxists have been having their internal rows, orthodox economists have lifted a lot of the interesting ideas of quantitative Marxism to make them mainstream. This new initiative will try to develop empirical Marxist analysis as an alternative perspective to the prevailing orthodoxy and try to create a coherent, influential and self sustaining research agenda.

Papers are invited on any Marxist economics topics that deal with empirical issues and/or use quantitative information and methods. The intention is not to debate the validity of the approach, but to use it to show the power and potential of Marxist analysis of capital. The areas covered in the 1991 book may well be revisited but it is also expected that the papers will develop a more comprehensive and contemporary research agenda.

Confirmed participants include: Andrew Brown; Meghnad Desai; Paul Dunne; Ben Fine; Chris Forde; Alan Freeman; Andrew Glyn; David Harvie; Bruce Philp; Gary Slater; Ron Smith; Dave Spencer; Ali Tasiran; Andrew Trigg; Julian Wells

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P Dunne (ed) (1991) *Quantitative Marxism*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

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