

Sixteenth Forum of the World Association for Political Economy

Chinese Modernization and the Prospects of World Modernization

25-27 September 2023, Fuzhou City, China

The 16th WAPE Forum will be held on 25-27 September 2023 at Fuzhou City, China. This forum will be co-organized by the World Association for Political Economy and Fujian Normal University.

This forum's theme will be Chinese modernization and the prospects of world modernization. World modernization has gone through three waves of development, and various modes of modernization emerged in these waves. Chinese modernization contains elements that are common to the modernization of other countries, but its most distinctive features shatter the myth that "modernization equals westernization," while offering the humankind new paths to modernization. It inspires us to reflect on the problems of western capitalist modernization, helping developing countries find a suitable path for their own modernization, and remapping world modernization.

This forum aims to generate both greater knowledge and new policy options for the better advance of Chinese modernization and world modernization. WAPE 2023 invites all contributions that enrich the perspective of modernization and expand the ground for further discussion. Indicatively but not exclusively, proposed papers can touch upon the following issues:

- 1) The waves modes of world modernization.
- 2) The commonalities of world modernization and the characteristics of modernization in various countries.
- 3) The process of world history and the centennial goals of Chinese modernization.
- 4) Comparison between Chinese modernization and capitalist modernization.
- 5) Chinese modernization and the global political and economic landscape.
- 6) The theoretical trap of the western modernization theory.
- 7) The western modernization as imperialism and its development dilemmas
- 8) The late-development and its advantages and disadvantages for developing countries.
- 9) The process of modernization and the role of political parties.
- 10) Modernization and the community with a shared future for mankind.

- 11) The importance of political economic methodology and theory for the study of modernization issues.
- 12) The tasks of developing the teaching of Marxist political economy in the economic faculties of universities.
- 13) Contemporary controversies in Macroeconomics: Neoclassicism, Keynesianism and Marxism
- 14) Reform of economics and economics education.
- 15) Theory of stages and periodization of capitalism.
- 16) Theories and analyses of economic crisis.
- 17) Trends and challenges in contemporary economic policy.
 - Neoconservative economic policies
 - Economic planning, fiscal and monetary policies reconsidered
 - A return of industrial policy
- 18) Marxism and the Political Economy of money and finance.
- 19) Labour process, markets and the Political Economy of Work.
- 20) The Political Economy of poverty and inequality.
 - Austerity and the welfare system
 - The current state of social policy
- 21) Political Economy of education.
- 22) Political Economy of health and health policies.
- 23) Environmental Political Economy.
- 24) World economy: globalization or imperialism?
- 25) Other related issues in political economy.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: The official language of the Forum is Chinese and English with simultaneous translation.

PUBLICATION POSSIBILITIES: All accepted full papers will be considered for publication in the *World Review of Political Economy* (<http://www.plutojournals.com/wrpe/>) and the *International Critical Thought* (<https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/rict20>) after passing the peer refereeing process.

HOW TO APPLY

Send a paper abstract (500 words) and your full curriculum vitae in English to both wapemember@vip.163.com by **26 August 2023**. Acceptance letters and instructions for registration will be sent out by **31 August 2023**. The structure and the schedule of

registration fees are detailed below. Full papers must be submitted by **20 September 2023**.

Both individual papers and complete panels on the main theme and proposed topics are welcome. You are also welcome to propose other topics on the theme. There is also the option to apply to attend the forum without a paper.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for abstract proposals: **26 August 2023**
- Notice of acceptance: **31 August 2023**
- Deadline for full paper: **20 September**

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING WAPE?

WAPE has decided to develop itself as a membership organization in order to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, new thought and research across the divide of languages and geography, and offer its members access to certain benefits. To register for the 16th WAPE Forum, you must become a WAPE member first.

Standard Membership. The benefits to be a Standard Member include:

- Free digital copies of the organization's peer reviewed academic journal, *World Review of Political Economy (WRPE)*, which is published four times a year.
- Publishing of members' selected articles on our websites.
- Translating selected books and articles into Chinese and publishing them in China.
- Invitations to attend a variety of conferences in China.
- Scholars who are members may be invited to China on a lecture tour.
- Members will be invited to join panels, which WAPE will organize for various international conferences held in different countries.

The membership fee for Standard Members is US\$30 per year.

Council Membership. Council Members have the priority over all the benefits offered by WAPE for Standard Members. Besides, you will get both free digital copies and hard copies of the *World Review of Political Economy (WRPE)*. Council Members are required to submit one paper to or call for one paper for WRPE, and

review one paper for WRPE per year. The membership fee for Council Members is US\$100 per year.

Low-income Membership. Low-income Membership is a discretionary rate of US\$10 for students, retired and unemployed people, and part-time workers on reduced income.

WAPE. *The World Association for Political Economy*, registered in Paris, is an international academic organization founded by Marxist economists and related groups around the world. The mission of WAPE is to utilize modern Marxist economics to analyze and study the world economy, reveal its laws of development, and offer policies to promote economic and social progress on the national and global levels. The last fifteen WAPE forums were successively held in Shanghai (China), Shimane (Japan), Beijing (China), Paris (France), Suzhou (China), Amherst (USA), Mexico City (Mexico), Florianopolis (Brazil) and Hanoi (Vietnam), Johannesburg (South Africa), Patiala (India), Moscow (Russia), Berlin (Germany), Winnipeg (Canada) and Shanghai(China) annually between 2006 and 2021. Participants in past WAPE forums have come from over 50 countries across Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America.

WRPE. *The World Review of Political Economy* is a peer-reviewed quarterly journal of Marxist Political Economy sponsored by WAPE and published by Pluto Journals. For more information including types of submissions that will be considered, please go to <http://www.plutojournals.com/wrpe/> and submit your articles to WRPE via WRPE ScholarOne Manuscripts site (<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wrpe>).

WAPEWEB.ORG. WAPE Secretariat is working with a team from its long-term partner Pluto Journals, publisher of WRPE, to launch its new version of WAPE website with WAPE Membership system. The team will contact our members for registration or renewal of membership with approval from and on behalf of WAPE Secretariat.

WAPE AWARDS. *The Distinguished Achievement Award of World Political Economy of the 21st Century*, established by WAPE, has been granted annually since 2009 to recognize outstanding books and articles in political economy published since the year of 2001. It is intended to promote research of modern political economy around the world by granting this award to those who have made important

innovations in the theories or methodology of political economy. The *Marxian Economics Award*, established by WAPE in 2011, is given to recognize an outstanding lifetime record of achievement in political economy. Its purpose is to promote the development of research of Marxist economics around the world by granting this award to those who have made important innovations in the research of theories, methodology, and application of Marxist economics. The 2023 WAPE Awards will be granted at the opening ceremony of the 16th WAPE Forum. Nominations and applications can be sent to wapemember@vip.163.com.

Marxist economists from all over the world are welcome to join WAPE and attend WAPE forums. WAPE aims to encourage cooperation among Marxist economists and to enlarge and strengthen the influence of Marxist economics in the world.

The WAPE Secretariat

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