



WAPE Call for Papers

18th Annual Forum of the World Association for Political Economy

Multipolarity in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities in Political Economy

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Yeditepe University Kayışdağı Campus, Istanbul, Turkey

The World Association for Political Economy (WAPE) is pleased to announce its annual forum, themed "Multipolarity in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities in Political Economy." We invite scholars, researchers, activists, and practitioners to submit their papers for consideration.

As the global order transitions from a unipolar to a multipolar configuration, new dynamics are emerging that reshape international relations, economic systems, and global governance structures. This year's theme aims to explore the implications of multipolarity for political economy, focusing on the diverse dimensions of power transitions, regional integration, and the reconfiguration of trade, investment, and development paradigms.

We welcome papers that address theoretical, empirical, or policy-oriented dimensions of multipolarity and its intersections with topics such as:

- The law of uneven economic development and the new patterns of international economic development.
- The rise of emerging economies and their impact on global power structures, including BRI international cooperation and BRICS development.
- The challenge to the dominance of the dollar and the creation of alternative mechanisms for international economic relations such as a new common currency.
- The role of regional blocs and institutions in shaping multipolar governance.
- The ecological challenge and resource politics in a multipolar world.
- Shifts in labor relations and production systems under multipolarity.
- The geopolitical economy of technology and digital governance.
- Historical and theoretical insights into past transitions to multipolarity.
- New developments in left-wing international political economy theory.
- Proposing solutions to the challenges faced by global south countries in democratization, wealth distribution and people's involvement in governance.

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- The political economy of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the prospect for full automation, and the future of surplus value exploitation.
- The social classes in world and countries within the context of digitalization and multipolarity.
- Explaining the decline of (neo)liberalism and the advent of nationalist and right-wing parties in the West and beyond within the context of multipolar world.
- Marxist Macroeconomic Modelling.

Contributions that critically engage with the concept of multipolarity from a political-economy perspective, including its potential to challenge or reproduce existing inequalities and power asymmetries, and other related issues in political economy are also welcome.

We look forward to your contributions to what promises to be a vibrant and intellectually stimulating discussion on multipolarity and its implications for political economy.

Participants without submission are also welcome.

Submission Guidelines:

- Abstracts (no more than 300 words) should be submitted to <https://bagevent.com/event/18thWAPE>.
- Please include a brief biography (up to 150 words), highlighting your academic affiliation and key research interests.
- Papers selected for presentation will be eligible for consideration in WAPE-affiliated journals (World Review of Political Economy, International Critical Thought, World Marxist Review, The Belt and Road Initiative Quarterly - BRIQ).

Important Dates:

- Abstract submission deadline: May 15, 2025
- Notification of acceptance: June 1, 2025
- Final paper submission deadline: June 30, 2025

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Registration Fees:

- 150 euros: for online payment before June 15, 2025
- 200 euros: for online payment after June 15, 2025 or on-site payment
- 75 euros: reduced rate for unemployed, retired and students for online or on-site payment.

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- **WAPE.** *The World Association for Political Economy*, registered in Paris, is an international academic organization founded by Marxian economists and related groups around the world. The mission of WAPE is to utilize modern Marxian 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 seventeen WAPE forums were successively held at Shanghai (China), Shimane (Japan), Beijing (China), Paris (France), Suzhou (China), Amherst (USA), Mexico City (Mexico), Florianópolis (Brazil), Hanoi (Vietnam), Johannesburg (South Africa), Patiala (India), Moscow (Russia), Berlin (Germany), Winnipeg (Canada), Shanghai (China), Fuzhou (China), Athens (Greece) during 2006–2024. Participants in past WAPE forums have come from over 50 countries in Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America.
- **WRPE.** *The World Review of Political Economy* is a peer-reviewed quarterly journal of Marxian 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 or articles on 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 theory 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 the 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 Marxian economics. The 2025 WAPE Awards will be granted at the opening ceremony of the 18th WAPE Forum. Nominations and applications can be sent to wapemember@vip.163.com.

Marxian economists from all over the world are welcome to join WAPE and attend the forum whether or not they will present a paper. The WAPE Forums aim to encourage cooperation among Marxian economists and to enlarge and strengthen the influence of Marxian economics in the world.

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