

Diversifying and Decolonising the History of Economics Workshop

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2. Project Narrative

As widely documented, economics lacks gender and ethnic diversity. Women and economists from so-called minority groups face disadvantages and even outright discrimination. Within the history of economics, the topic of diversity has also raised some discussion, as the CUP Diversity Lunch at the Annual Meeting of the HES in 2019 has shown. All male panels (“manels”) are common at the meetings of HES. Additionally, the vast majority of participants is white. This lack of diversity of participants is paralleled by a lack of diversity when it comes to research. Research within the field is largely directed at the few, towering, (male) economists, as recent surveys of publications in history of economic thought journals have shown (e.g., Lange, Schumacher & Svorencik, 2017; Beal, Guizzo & Cruz e Silva, 2019; Chassonery-Zaigouche & Herfeld, 2019). That diversity in history of economic thought is essential can be seen in the fact that male dominated research has tended to “serve male interests” (Seiz, 1993:187) reinforcing gender inequality.

At the same time, there is an interest in and a demand of increasing the diversity both of scholars and of research, as discussion within the HES and other organisations such as AEA and RES have shown. We plan to increase the visibility of diversity issues in the field of history of economic thought and to address this need by preparing *a one-day workshop on diversifying and decolonising the history of economics for young scholars*. Our motivation stems from HES’s stated commitment to increasing diversity and non-Western approaches in the sub-discipline.

The workshop would take place on 17th June 2020 in Utrecht (NE), preceding the Annual HES meeting. We want to invite two senior scholars working on diversity and decolonisation within economics and the history of economic thought. The aim is for them to present their approaches to young scholars in the morning sessions. We want to address issues both of diversity of thinkers and of diversity of methods. In the second half of the workshop, we plan to have interactive sessions in which young scholars should think about how their research might be impacted by taking into consideration issues of diversity. Our suggested names are: Dr. Rebeca Gomez Betancourt, and Dr. Sara Marzagora. Both scholars have provisionally agreed to participate, if the workshop takes place.

We plan to invite 15 young scholars. Based on our experience, a group of 15 young scholars offers a prolific atmosphere and gives each enough time to participate productively. Since young scholars often have access to very limited funding for conferences, we would want to provide some travel stipends to increase the number of potential participants. This would also allow some young scholars to attend the HES conference, who might otherwise would not have been able to afford it. We would like to give travel stipends to eight young scholars. Four of these should go to young scholars based in Europe, and four higher stipends would go to young scholars based outside Europe. We would thus ensure more diversity among the participants and attract more applicants.

The selection of participants will be based on their applications including a letter of statement of their interest in diversity and a brief description of their own research. By offering participants travel stipends, we hope to reach young scholars who previously have given diversity little thought. Our aim is not to preach to the converted, but to reach also young scholars who will face these issues for the first time during our workshop. In this way, we would increase the awareness of issues of diversity and also show how diversity concerns might improve their own research.

Additionally, we will get some non-material support from the network *Diversifying and Decolonising Economics (D-Econ)* (<https://d-econ.org/>), who will also help us in finalising our workshop programme.

We will also make the insights of the workshop accessible for a broader audience in two ways. First, we aim to launch a set of special podcast episodes in collaboration with *Ceteris Never Paribus* on diversity and decolonisation in HET, disseminating the insights and discussions held at the workshop. Second, will write a brief article reflecting on the lessons from the workshop for addressing the issue of diversity within the history of economic thought. This article could be published on the HES website or on a blog, e. g. on the D-Econ blog. The personnel involved in the project is identical with the applicant. Danielle Guizzo, Ariane Hillig, and Reinhard Schumacher would all prepare and lead the workshop and would also be responsible for the podcast episodes, the writing of a blog post summarising the lessons from the workshop.

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3. Proposed programme

June 17th 2020 – Diversity and Decolonisation in HET – Meta-level sessions

09.00-09.15 – Registration

09.15-09.30 – Workshop Introduction and Introductory Round

09.30-11.00 – Session 1 – Diversifying thinkers
Talk by Dr. Rebeca Betancourt and discussion

11.00-11.30 – Coffee break

11.30-13.00 – Session 2 – Diversifying locations
Talk by Dr. Sara Marzagora and discussion

13.00-14.00 – Lunch break

14.15-14.30 – Introduction to the afternoon sessions about “diversifying your own research”

14.30-15.30 – How to diversify your thinkers (group A)
How to diversify your methods (group B)

15.30-16.00 – Coffee break

16.00-17.00 – How to diversify your thinkers (group B)
How to diversify your methods (group A)

17.00-17.15 – Coffee break

17.15-18.30 – Final discussion on practicing decolonisation and diversity in HET
and Feedback

4. Budget

Travel and accommodation stipends for four participants based in Europe (4 x 300 USD)	1,200 USD
Travel and accommodation stipends for four participants based outside Europe (4 x 750 USD)	3,500 USD
Travel and accommodation for three organisers (all based in Europe)	900 USD
Travel and accommodation for two senior scholars (based in Europe)	1,000 USD
Lunch and coffee breaks	600 USD
<hr/> Dinner	800 USD
<hr/> Contingency Costs (e.g. room)	500 USD
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5. Applicants' CV

Dr. Danielle Guizzo

Dr. Danielle Guizzo is Senior Lecturer at the University of the West of England, Bristol UK. She holds a PhD in Economics & Public Policy (2016) by the Federal University of Parana (Brazil), having been awarded a Sandwich Doctoral Grant in 2015. She specialises on the history of economic thought, political economy, and economics education, focusing on the history of policy-making, the history of scholarly communities in economics, and the role of economic experts. Some of her publications can be found on *Review of International Political Economy*; *Contributions to Political Economy*; *History of Economic Ideas* and *Review of Political Economy*.

Danielle holds professional affiliations with several networks worldwide. She is a founding member of D-Econ (*Diversifying and Decolonising Economics*), as well as a management committee member of AHE (*Association for Heterodox Economics*), a co-leader the IIPPE Working Group on *History of Economic Thought, Economic Methodology and Critique of the Mainstream*, and the book review editor of THETS UK (*The UK History of Economic Thought Society*). Besides being a scientific committee member for ALAHPE's 2019 biannual conference, she is currently organising AHE's annual conference in 2020, as well as serving a senior advisor for the organisation of YSI Philosophy of Economics 2020 webinars. She has also organised UWE's 1st Summer Workshop in Political Economy in 2018.

Danielle was also successful in managing funding applications, including two internal research projects at UWE (on feminist political economy and economics education), and one external project (on the recent history of heterodox economics, funded by AHE, University of Leeds and UWE). Currently, she has three external applications under review, namely at *ESRC-Rebuilding Macroeconomics*; the *British Academy*, and *Friends' Provident Foundation*.

Dr. Ariane Hillig

Dr. Ariane Hillig is Lecturer in Economics at Goldsmiths, University of London. She holds a PhD in Economics and Finance and a Master of Research from the Open University, UK. Both of these degrees have been fully funded through having won a competitive scholarship from the Open University. Her current research interests are centred on the impact of finance on everyday life and the use of interdisciplinary approaches in decolonising and diversifying economics. Prior to joining Goldsmiths, Ariane was a visiting lecturer in Germany and worked several years in the private sector. Through having worked in several international companies she has established a wide professional network.

Ariane has organized several workshops such as the ESRC funded seminar on *Inequality, Wages and Finance* and the Postgraduate Workshop *Insights into Methodological Approaches in Economic Research* which introduced students to non-traditional research methods in economics. To illustrate, a seminar was held on how to use ethnography in economics. In addition to that, Ariane is currently co-organizing the undergraduate conference of the AHE (*Association for Heterodox Economics*) and is on the organizing committee of the *12th Critical Finance Studies Conference* which is a thought-after, annual event. In this role, she was able to secure funding for the conference through internal funding calls. Besides her activities in

organizing conferences, she is also on the Steering Committee of D-Econ (Diversifying and Decolonising Economics) and on the Management Committee of AHE. Within her role at D-Econ, Ariane is leading a working group on promoting diversity in the economics curriculum.

Dr. Reinhard Schumacher

Dr. Reinhard Schumacher is a Research Fellow at the Department of Economic and Social Sciences at the University of Potsdam, Germany. He received his PhD in economics in 2016. He has been a visiting professor at the at Université Lumière Lyon 2, France, in 2017 and a research fellow at the Center for the History of Political Economy at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA, in 2014. Reinhard is a co-founder and co-host of the podcast *Ceteris Never Paribus: The History of Economic Thought Podcast* and a founding member of D-Econ (*Diversifying and Decolonising Economics*).

Reinhard's main research area is the history of economic thought, international trade theory, political economy, and development economics. He has published in the *Adam Smith Review*, the *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, the *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*, the *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, *History of Economic Ideas*, *History of European Ideas*, *History of Political Economy*, and *World Economic Review*. For his research, he has received the *Mark Blaug Prize in Philosophy and Economics*, awarded by the Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics in 2013 and the *Gilles Dostaler Award*, awarded by the European Society for the History of Economic Thought in 2016.

Reinhard has organised several workshops for young scholars as a coordinator of the *Young Scholar Initiative (YSI)* of the *Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET)* in Paris, Budapest, Antwerp, and Edinburgh. This included a one-day workshop prior to the annual meeting of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought in Antwerp in 2017 on methods in the history of economic thought.