



# Newsletter2015

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This *Newsletter* gives summary information on the activities undertaken by ESHET in 2015. It is an invitation to members of ESHET, and those currently not members, to become better acquainted with the major programmes of this academic society – aimed at the development of the history of economic thought as an important field of study, and the strengthening of the community of history of economic thought scholars, and committed to sharing the results of its research with a wider audience.

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## WEBSITE

The ESHET website provides regular updating of pertinent news and announcements.

In a new addition, **membership renewals and new memberships can now be processed online via the ESHET website**, at <http://www.eshet.net/index.php?a=22>.

The historical record of ESHET activities and documents related to its internal organization are easily available to ESHET members in the section “about ESHET”. There are also sections featuring reading lists for HET courses and lists of recent publications authored by ESHET members.

Information on past conferences, awards granted and honorary members are also accessible to both members and non-members.

The website provides information on forthcoming conferences, workshops and seminars and maintains a record of HET events organized or sponsored by ESHET since 2006.

It also provides direct links to the Societies for the History of Economics (SHOE) archives and other HET resources.

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## 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2015 19<sup>th</sup> ESHET Annual Conference was held at Università di Roma Tre, Rome, Italy, 14-16 May.

The theme of the Conference was *Great Controversies in Economics*. The nine-member Organizing Committee was drawn principally from Roma Tre (6 members), with participation also from Sapienza Università di Roma and Università di Roma ‘Tor Vergata’. There were 295 participants in attendance (up from 260 in 2014) and papers presented in 78 parallel sessions.

There were also, apart from the opening session, four plenary addresses. The winners of the 2014 ESHET Best Book Award (Roger Backhouse & Mauro Boianovsky) presented the Blanqui Lecture (‘Secular Stagnation: History of a Macroeconomic Heresy’). The Conference Keynote Lecture was given by Murray Milgate (‘The Winner’s Curse: Lessons from Some Controversies in Economic Thought’); Diane Coyle gave a presentation on ‘Reforming the Economics Curriculum: Insights from the INET-CORE Project’, with discussants, Pascal Bridel and Antonella Stirati; and in conjunction with the General Assembly, the 2014 Honorary Member, Anthony Waterman, gave a speech.

A Special Issue of the *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought* (vol. 22, no. 6, December 2015) features a selection of papers presented at the 2014 Conference, held at Université de Lausanne, Switzerland. The papers were subject to standard processes of peer review and the guest Editors for the issue were R. Baranzini, A. Rosselli and H.-M. Trautwein.

The **2016 20<sup>th</sup> ESHET Annual Conference** will be held at University of Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne 26–28 May, with the theme *Inequalities in Economic Thought*. The Call-for-Papers deadline is **18 January 2016**: <http://www.eshet.net/conference/sarea.php?p=40&sa=118>

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## 2015 AWARDS

The recipients of the ESHET 2015 awards were:

- **Gilles Dostaler Prize**—Philippe Gillig (2014) ‘Marx’s Critique of «Eternal» Political Economy: How Mill is Alien to Marx’s Attacks’, *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought* (online August).
- **Best Article Award**—Nicola Giocoli (2013) ‘Games Judges Don’t Play: Predatory Pricing and Strategic Reasoning in US Antitrust’, *Supreme Court Economic Review*, vol. 21 (no. 1): 271–330.
- **Best Book Award**—Sergio Cremaschi (2014) *Utilitarianism and Malthus’s Virtue Ethics: Respectable, Virtuous and Happy*, Routledge.
- **Young Researcher Award**—Pedro Garcia Duarte, University of São Paulo; Herrade Igersheim, CNRS & University of Strasbourg.
- **Honorary Member Award**—Charles Goodhart, Professor Emeritus, London School of Economics.

**Further information on the criteria for each award, and recipients in previous years, is available at the ESHET website.**

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## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

One of the aims of ESHET is to promote the establishment of links with national economic societies and organizations for the history of economic thought both within Europe and globally. In 2015 ESHET members have actively contributed to HET activities in their own countries and national societies. ESHET has been directly engaged in the joint organization of conferences with Japanese and Latin American organizations:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> JSJET/ESHET (Japanese Society for the History of Economic Thought) Joint Conference was held in Otaru, Hokkaido, 11–13 September 2015, with the theme of the Conference, *War in the History of Economic Thought*. There were 45 participants in the Conference (15 from outside Japan). Excellent organization and generous hospitality greatly contributed to making the Conference an outstanding success.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> ESHET Latin America Conference was held in Santiago, Chile, 25–27 November 2015, with the theme of the Conference, *Historical Approaches in Economics: from Continental Europe to the Americas*. There were 80 participants from across Latin America, and also from Europe and the USA. The conference featured 18 parallel sessions with 57 high quality papers and discussion, as well as 3 plenary roundtables. The latter involved discussion of the relationship between economics and politics in Chilean history over the second half of the twentieth century.

The Conference was organised by the School of Government of the University Adolfo Ibañez, where the Conference was hosted on 26–27 November. The opening session and first day of the Conference took place at the headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, with the participation of its Executive Secretary. At the business meeting of the Conference a Memorandum was signed, establishing a general agreement for the future constitution of the Latin American Association for the History of Economic Thought. The role of ESHET in providing the conditions for this step forward was acknowledged with expressions of gratitude from our Latin American colleagues.

- ESHET also provided financial support for 4 European-based scholars to contribute papers to the 2015 Latin America Conference: Annie Cot, David Gualerzi, Erich Pinzón Fuchs and Pierre Hernán Rojas.
- It is planned that the next Latin America Conference will be held in Bogota, Colombia in October or November 2017.

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## YOUNG SCHOLARS GRANTS

Several initiatives in support of young scholars, aimed in particular at increasing their participation in international conferences and seminars, have been sponsored by ESHET in 2015:

- Young Scholars Seminars at the May 2015 Rome ESHET Conference (6 grants): Christine Clement, Manfredi De Leo, Maxime Desmarais-Tremblay, Jérôme Lange, Clara Elisabetta Mattei and Reinhard Schumacher.
- Partnership with the INET (Institute for New Economic Thinking) ‘Young Scholars Initiative’, providing lectures on the history of economic thought to the YSI Rome Workshop for PhD students (approximately 35 participants), 11–13 May 2014 (immediately prior to the ESHET Conference): Pascal Bridel, ‘Money and General Equilibrium: an Analytical History of an Unsolvable Question’; Heinz Kurz, ‘Economic Stagnation: Causes and Way Out – a View from the History of Economic Analysis’).
- Financial support for the 18th Summer School on History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History (on the theme, *Globalisation – Past, Present, Future*), held at the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany, 31 August to 6 September 2015. Twenty-four PhD students were selected to participate and present their research, together with keynote lectures by J.L. Cardoso, M. Dal-Pont Legrand, P. Spahn, H.-M. Trautwein, M. Uebele and A.M. Vasséi. The 2016 19th Summer School will take place in Cargèse, Corsica, 5–11/9/16 (on the theme, *Reflections on Radical Changes and Transitions: Economics and Its Relations with Other Disciplines*).
- The Gilles Dostaler Prize and Young Researcher Award, noted above under ‘2015 Awards’, recognizes outstanding intellectual achievement by a scholar under the age of 35 (for a single work) and under the age of 40 (for a body of work), respectively.

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## A NEW INITIATIVE: ESHET RESEARCH GRANTS

From 2014, ESHET is sponsoring research grants—for projects on any topic in the history of economic thought—to be competitively awarded from among applications, up to a total allocation per annum of €20,000.00. In 2015 the members of the Awarding Committee were Tony Aspromourgos, José Luís Cardoso (Chair) and Michel de Vroey. Seven applications were received. From among these, two grants have been awarded this year:

- to a research team led by Mario Cedrini (Università di Torino), for the project, ‘The Fragmentation of Economics and the New Role of the History of Economic Thought’ (€9,000);
- and to a team led by Ivan Moscati (University of Insubria), for the project, ‘Explorations in the Recent History of Decision Theory, 1945–1990’ (€11,000).

From 2015 ESHET is also sponsoring grants for developing audiovisual and internet resources for promoting the history of economic thought, to be competitively awarded. In 2015 the members of the Awarding Committee were Roberto Baranzini, Pedro Garcia Duarte and Manuela Mosca (Chair). One application was received. The Committee decided to award no grants this year.

In addition, as a consequence of a provision of funds by the European Central Bank, ESHET in collaboration with the ECB is competitively awarding research grants—for projects on the history of monetary theories, policies and institutions—up to a total allocation this year of €20,000.00. In 2015 the members of the Awarding Committee were Arie Arnon, Ivo Maes (Chair) and Antoin Murphy. Four applications were received. Two grants have been awarded this year:

- to a research team led by Lilia Costabile (Università di Napoli Federico II), for the project, ‘Minimalism versus Activism in Central Banking: Lessons from the History of Economic Thought’ (€15,000.00);
- and to a team led by Paolo Paesani (Università di Roma ‘Tor Vergata’), for the project, ‘Unconventional Monetary Policy *Ante Litteram*: the Radcliffe Committee and the Debate on Liquidity and the Long-Term Interest Rate as a Monetary Policy Instrument’ (€5,000.00).

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## ESHET ELECTION RESULTS

The election of ESHET officers for 2014–2016 closed on 21 December 2015, with the following results:

Number of voters: 162 (out of a membership of 426)

President elected: Hans-Michael Trautwein

Members elected to the Executive Committee: Richard van den Berg, Anna Carabelli, Nicola Giocoli, Nathalie Sigot and Richard Sturn.

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## NEW BOOKS BY ESHET MEMBERS

Next year's ESHET General Assembly, to be held during the 26–28 May Paris Conference, will feature a video display of new books by ESHET members—as has been the practice since 2012. If you have published, or will be publishing, a book in the history of economics between May 2015 and May 2016, and would like to have your work included in the display, please send the following information to Steven Medema (steven.medema@ucdenver.edu) by 8 April 2016:

- name and affiliation of the author(s);
- book title;
- publisher;
- a digital image of the book's cover;
- and a brief (3 or 4 lines) summary of the book's contents.

The digital cover image should be obtained from the publisher or copied from the publisher's website, and the publisher's catalog/website description of the book (if sufficiently concise) could well serve as the requested brief summary. **NOTE that only books in the history of economics are to be displayed.**

These are the new books by ESHET members displayed at the 2015 General Assembly:

- ALLISON, François (2014) *Values and Prices in Russian Economic Thought*. Routledge.
- BACKHOUSE, Roger E. & Philippe FONTAINE (eds) (2015) *A Historiography of the Modern Social Sciences*. Cambridge University Press.
- BARANZINI, Roberto & François ALLISON (eds) (2014) *Economics and Other Branches: In the Shade of the Oak Tree*. Pickering and Chatto.
- BOLAND, Lawrence A. (2014) *Model Building in Economics: Its Purposes and Limitations*. Cambridge University Press.
- CARABELLI, Anna & Mario CEDRINI (2014) *Secondo Keynes. Il disordine del neoliberalismo e le speranze di una nuova Bretton Woods*. Castelvecchi Editore (Roma).
- COLLARD, David (2014) *Generations of Economists*. Routledge.
- CRISTIANO, Carlo (2014) *The Political and Economic Thought of the Young Keynes: Liberalism, Markets and Empire*. Routledge.
- DIMAND, Robert W. (2014) *James Tobin*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- INGRAO, Bruna (2014) *Portraits of European Economists*. Aracne (Roma).
- KILINCOGLU, Deniz T. (2015) *Economics and Capitalism in the Ottoman Empire*. Routledge.
- KURZ, Heinz D. & Neri SALVADORI (2014) *Revisiting 'Classical' Economics: Studies in Long Period Analysis*. Routledge.
- KURZ, Heinz D. & Neri SALVADORI (2015) *The Elgar Companion to David Ricardo*. Elgar.
- MAAS, Harro (2014) *Economic Methodology: a Historical Introduction*. Routledge.
- MEDEMA, Steven G. & Anthony M.C. WATERMAN (eds) (2014) *Paul Samuelson on the History of Economic Analysis: Selected Essays*. Cambridge University Press.
- PORTA, Pier Luigi & Roberto SCAZZIERI (eds) (2014) *The Enlightenment of Civil Reforms: the Contributions of Lombard Economists*. Istituto Lombardo (Italy).

- POTIER, Jean-Pierre (2014) *Les Marmites de l'histoire. Mélanges en l'honneur de Pierre Dockès*. Editions Classiques Garnier.
- PRADELLA, Lucia (2014) *Globalization and the Critique of Political Economy: New Insights from Marx's Writings*. Routledge.
- Société Internationale Jean-Baptiste Say [UZUNIDIS, Dimitri (Dir.)] (2015) *Et Jean-Baptiste Say ... créa l'Entrepreneur*. P.I.E. Peter Lang.
- TRAUTWEIN, Hans-Michael (ed.) (2014) *Die Entwicklung der Raumwirtschaftslehre von ihren Anfängen bis in die Gegenwart*. Duncker & Humblot.
- VAN DEN BERG, Richard (2015) *Richard Cantillon's Essay on the Nature of Trade in General: a Variorum Edition*. Routledge.
- WAKATABE, Masazumi (2015) *Japan's Great Stagnation and Abenomics: Lessons for the World*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- WINCH, Donald (2015) *Secret Concatenations: Mandeville to Malthus*. Rounded Globe.



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