

Normative and Conceptual Issues in the Economy

Venue: Board Room of the Research Centre for Social Sciences, 6 Innovation Close, University of York, Heslington, York, YO10 5ZF, UK ([maps](#))

Date: 10 December 2018, 9am – 5pm

This workshop brings together philosophers, economists, historians of ideas, and political scientists to discuss normative and conceptual issues in the economy. A principal aim of the workshop is to establish a dialogue between scholars from different perspectives.

The last few years have seen an exciting uptick in normative and conceptual investigations of economic phenomena such as trade, tax competition, consumer credit, and economic inequality; concepts such as money, credit, capital, and financial stability; economic institutions such as central banks, markets, and corporations; and economic policies such as non-conventional monetary policy, new forms of taxation, and policies aimed at pre-distribution.

We discuss work-in-progress on normative and conceptual issues in the economy to compare and contrast philosophical underpinnings and assumptions, including:

- What are suitable normative frameworks for analysing normative issues in the economy?
- Which moral values other than justice may be relevant? Which epistemic values may be relevant?
- How should we deal with normative disagreements?
- To what extent should we take normative beliefs and attitudes of citizens into account?
- How should we decide which non-ideal parameters to take for granted?
- How to deal with expert disagreement about factual issues and economic forecasts given certain policy decisions?

Format

All participants are expected to read the work-in-progress papers in advance of the workshop. There will be no presentations by speakers.

Registration for Participation

Participation is free but places are limited. Please send an email to marco.meyer@york.ac.uk if you want to participate. Deadline for registration is 29 Nov. 2018.

Programme

9.00 – 10.00	Breakfast	
10.00 – 10.45	Leah Downey, Harvard University	Democratic Monetary Policy
10.45 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 – 12.00	Jens van 't Klooster, European University Institute	Central Banking, Financial Risk, and the Environment
12.00 – 13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.00 – 13.45	Alfred Moore, University of York	Deliberation, Decision, and Communication in Central Banking
14.00 – 14.45	Jack Wright, University of Cambridge	An efficient market for ideas? The problem of hierarchy within economics
14.45 – 15.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.15 – 16.00	Paul Segal, King's College London	Inequality as Entitlements over Labour
16.15 – 17.00	Marco Meyer, University of York	Dealing fairly with trade imbalances in the Eurozone

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