

## Call for Papers

# ***The Uneven and Crisis-prone Development of Capitalism***

## **The Tenth Forum of the World Association for Political Economy**

**June 19-21, 2015, Johannesburg, South Africa**

Co-hosts: Universities of the Witwatersrand, of Johannesburg, of Pretoria and of KwaZulu-Natal; Chris Hani Institute (Congress of SA Trade Unions and SA Communist Party); National Union of Metalworkers Institute; National Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, SA; Economic Freedom Fighters, SA

The Ninth Forum of the World Association for Political Economy (WAPE) was successfully held in Hanoi, Vietnam, on May 23-25, 2014. About 200 participants from 22 countries attended. Over 100 papers or abstracts were submitted. David Kotz (US) and Yuanpeng Hong (China) were granted the *Marxian Economics Award*, and eight professors from Canada, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands and South Africa were granted the *Distinguished Achievement Award of World Political Economy of the 21st Century*. A Statement on “*Growth, Development and Social Justice*” was released at the closing ceremony of the forum.

The Tenth WAPE Forum – “The Uneven and Crisis-prone Development of Capitalism” – will be held in Johannesburg at the University of the Witwatersrand on June 19-21, 2015. South Africa has several features that will make for a memorable, influential conference:

- the rich legacy of Marxian political-economic scholarship dates back more than fifty years, with South Africa consistently amongst the world’s most researched sites of capital accumulation and class struggle;
- the society has been ranked by the World Economic Forum as having the most militant working class for the second year in a row, and there are also thousands of community and social protests recorded by police each year;
- in addition to the heroic defeat of apartheid two decades ago, class struggle by AIDS activists against multinational pharmaceutical corporations led to provision of generic (not branded) medicines to more than two million people for free (they used to cost \$15,000/person/year), and as a result, a rise in life expectancy from 52 to 62 over the past decade; and
- diverse traditions of Marxism co-exist in South Africa, with a Communist Party in alliance with the ruling African National Congress (holding four ministerial positions in the Cabinet), with another openly Marxist party in parliament having

won a million votes in the 2014 election, with the largest trade union advocating revolutionary socialism, and with hundreds of other Marxists in academia and research institutes advancing strong criticisms of the state, capital and civil society.

The thematic areas under discussion will include the following:

- Global economic and financial crises
- New monetary and currency systems
- Development of Marxian economic theory
- GDP distortions and alternative measures of economic performance and socio-economic progress
- Role of the state and public ownership in economic and civic society
- Trade unions, class struggles and the political economy of working people
- Political economy of climate change and the principle of 'common but differentiated responsibility'
- Ecological crises
- The land question
- Urbanisation
- Race, class and gender
- Inequality's causes and antidotes
- Social policy and socialist experiences
- BRICS and new economic regionalisms
- The TransPacific Partnership and 'Free Trade' agreements
- Decline of US power?
- Sub-imperialisms
- China-Africa relations
- The new scramble for Africa
- The solidary economic model for Ukraine
- The Resource Curse and other colonial hangovers

### **How to apply to attend the Tenth WAPE Forum**

Please register at [www.wape2015.com](http://www.wape2015.com) with your personal information and submit your full curriculum vitae and a paper abstract of 500 words in English. Once your abstract is accepted, please pay your registration fee online. When your payment is confirmed, please submit your full paper. You will then receive an official invitation. You also have the option to apply to attend the forum without a paper. Both individual papers and complete panels on the theme and proposed topics are welcome. If you have any inquiries, please contact [wapemember@vip.163.com](mailto:wapemember@vip.163.com).

- **Important dates**

Deadline for abstract: March 1, 2015;

Notice of acceptance: March 15, 2015;

Deadline for full paper: April 30, 2015.

Full papers submitted after April 30, 2015 will not be included in the conference proceedings.

- All accepted papers will be considered for publication in *World Review of Political Economy (WRPE)*.
- **Registration fee**  
US\$180 for online payment before April 30, 2015;  
US\$220 for online payment after April 30, 2015 or on-site payment on June 18–21, 2015.
- **Official Language: English** (interpretation available for most events)
- **Schedule**
  1. On-site registration June 18-21, 2015.
  2. WAPE Council meeting/WRPE Editorial meeting on June 18, 2015.
  3. Official program on June 19 through June 21, 2015.

- **What is the benefit of joining WAPE?**

While applying to attend the Ninth WAPE Forum, you have the option to join WAPE. It is highly recommended that you choose to join WAPE. Please find below the details on WAPE membership.

- **General Membership**

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 language and geography, and offer its members access to certain benefits. These 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.
- Translation of 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 general membership fee of WAPE is only US\$30 per year, and the membership fee including a hard copy of *WRPE* is US\$100 per year. Membership taken out in 2014 has the added benefit to members of receiving eight digital issues of *WRPE* Volumes 4 and 5.

***Marxian economists from all over the world are welcome to 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.***

- **WAPE.** *The World Association for Political Economy*, registered in Hong Kong, China, is an international academic organization founded in 2006 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 nine WAPE forums were successively held in Shanghai, Shimane (Japan), Beijing, Paris, Suzhou (China), Amherst (USA), Mexico City (Mexico), Florianópolis (Brazil) and Hanoi (Vietnam) during 2006–14. 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://wrpe.plutojournals.org/> and submit your articles to [wrpejournal@gmail.com](mailto:wrpejournal@gmail.com).
- **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 an outstanding book or article in political economy. It is intended to promote research in modern political economy around the world by granting the award to economists who have made important innovations in the theory or methodology of political economy since the year of 2001. The *World 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 the award to economists of different countries in the world who have made important innovations in the research of theories, methodology and application of Marxian economics. The 2015 WAPE Awards will be granted at the opening ceremony of the Ninth WAPE Forum. Nominations and applications can be sent to [wapemember@vip.163.com](mailto:wapemember@vip.163.com).

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