

# SCHEDULE

## Monetary Institutionalisms in the French-Speaking World

Past Record, Future Prospects  
and International Perspectives

1-3 June  
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# WEDNESDAY 1ST, JUNE ● 9:30-18:30

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## 9:30 Welcome and registration

*Venue: Atrium*

## 10:00-10:30 Introduction of the Conference

With:

Gilles Pollet (interim administrator of Sciences Po Lyon),  
Renaud Payre (director of the Triangle laboratory),  
the organizers (Pierre Alary, Jérôme Blanc, Ludovic Desmedt, Marie Fare, Bruno Théret)

*Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation)*

## 10:30-12:30 Plenary roundtable #1 The trajectories of the French Monetary institutionalism

With:

Michel Aglietta (adviser to the CEPIL, professor emeritus at Université Paris Ouest Nanterre),  
Jean Cartelier (professor emeritus at EconomiX, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre),  
Lucien Gillard (honorary research director, CNRS, Paris),  
André Orléan (research director, Paris School of Economics, CNRS, EHESS, Paris),  
Jean-Michel Servet (professor, Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement, Geneva),  
Bruno Théret (research director, CNRS, IRISSO, Paris).

Moderator : Pierre Alary.

*Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation)*

French-speaking monetary institutionalism takes a singular dimension from the late 1970s. It defines money as an institution necessary for the socialization process and, consequently, it mobilizes conceptual advances from other social and human sciences. However, all authors do not favour the influences from elsewhere with the same intensity and, regarding their own research perspectives, they develop different concepts, different combinations of concepts, different ways of thinking. Thus, several intellectual trajectories emerge that offer various insights. This theoretical renewal dynamics offers the topic of this roundtable: the trajectories of the French Monetary institutionalism. Through an assessment of their intellectual journey, six authors at the root of this institutionalist movement are invited to present their trajectories. What makes them join institutionalism? How do they combine the contributions of other social sciences with economics? What constitutes the core of the institutionalist approach to money and what are its deviations? What ways, from the late 1970s, have proved fruitful or fruitless? Which extensions and perspectives can we trace for this monetary institutionalism?

## **12:30-14:00 Lunch**

Venue: Salle Michel Seurat

## **14:00-16:00 Parallel workshops – Session #1**

Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation) + salles L211, L212, L213

## **16:00-16:30 Break**

## **16:30-18:30 Discussion**

Discussion on the books:

- *Théories françaises de la monnaie. Une anthologie* (An anthology of French theories of money, dir. P. Alary, J. Blanc, L. Desmedt and B. Théret, Ed. PUF);
- *La monnaie. Entre dettes et souveraineté* (Money between debt and sovereignty, M. Aglietta, with P. Ould-Ahmed and J.-F. Ponsot, Ed. Odile Jacob).

With the authors and reviewers:

Nikolay Nenovsky and André Tiran (*Anthologie...*);

Jean-Marie Harribey and Patrice Baubeau (*La Monnaie...*).

Moderator: Marie Fare.

Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation)

## THURSDAY 2D, JUNE ● 9:00-18:30

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### 9:00-10:30 Parallel workshops – Session #2

Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation) + salles L211, L212, L213

### 10:30-11:00 Break

### 11:00-13:00 Plenary roundtable #2

#### Taboo or not Taboo? Impossible discussions about monetary reform

With:

Kako Nubukpo (former Minister of Forward planning and public policy assessment, Togo),

Jean-François Ponsot (University Grenoble Alpes, France),

Alexandre Roig (Universidad nacional de San Martín, CONICET, Argentina),

Bruno Théret (CNRS, IRISSO, France).

Moderator: Jérôme Blanc.

Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation)

Can money be the object of discussion? The question seems weird at first glance, but history and our present day display many situations in which this discussion seems impossible, because the existing institutions and the fear of the consequences of their transformation put a wall of silence and sweep any dissenting thought. Money, thus, takes a form of sacrality that is able to abolish any criticism. Certain monetary regimes seem more able than others to make any discussion on their transformation a taboo: monetary unions and hard pegs require silence rather than dissent, because dissent would affect their credibility and, consequently, their existence. Couldn't that be said also on monetary reform proposals that call into question the monetary system as a whole?

This roundtable will question those taboos, their nature, their consequences, the danger and the utility of breaking them up. It will question the way institutionalist approaches help understand such walls of silence. This will be done through concrete cases: the Franc CFA (Kako Nubukpo), the Dollar and the Peso in the Argentinian currency board of the years 1990 (Alexandre Roig), the Dollar and the Sucre in Ecuador (Jean-François Ponsot) and the euro and federalism in the Eurozone and Argentina (Bruno Théret).

### 13:00 Lunch

Venue: Salle Michel Seurat

### 13:45 RAMICS meeting

Information Meeting on RAMICS (Research Association on Monetary innovation and Complementary and Community Currency Systems), recently created.

With: Jérôme Blanc, Georgina Gómez, Rolf Schröder.

Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation)

### **14:30-16:30 Parallel workshops – Session #3**

*Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation) + salles L211, L212, L213*

### **16:30-17:00 Break**

### **17:00-18:30 Plenary roundtable #3**

#### **Totem or not Totem? Towards an unidisciplinary approach to money**

With:

Patrice Baubeau (history, Université Paris Ouest / UMR IDHES, France),

Marie Cuillerai (philosophy, Université Paris Diderot – Paris 7, France),

Alexandre Roig (sociology, IDAES-CONICET / Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Argentina),

Jean-Pierre Warnier (anthropology, Centre d'Etudes africaines - EHESS/IRD, France).

Moderator: Bruno Théret.

*Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation)*

Economics has evolved towards an isolation from other social sciences and humanities; economists tend to mimic hard sciences, which implies the naturalisation of capitalism, whose laws economists attempt to imagine. On the contrary, French monetary institutionalism has developed through the mobilisation of knowledge elaborated by social scientists from many disciplines (historians, archaeologists, anthropologists, sociologists, psychologists, political scientists, lawyers and philosophers); it has also been inspired by the philosophical heritage, wherein various view on money as an institution or as a social relation can be found. This roundtable precisely gathers various social scientists who investigate monetary facts without sharing with « pure » economists their vision of capitalism as a totem. They will talk of their participation to the institutionalist research program, which they contribute to from their respective knowledge. What have been for them the benefits of their involvement in the program? Did they found there incentives to update or change their conceptions of money, and their ways of working in their respective fields? What do they think of the program's ambition to build an unidisciplinary theory of money? They will exchange their working experiences, their evaluations of the benefits and difficulties of the interdisciplinary experiment they were called to participate to. A final question could be: is it possible to maintain both a theory indigenous to each discipline of social science, and a more general unitary theory of money? Is the notion of money as a total social fact useful for that?

### **20:00 Gala dinner**

*Venue: Villeda*

## FRIDAY, 3D JUNE ● 9H-13H

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### 9:00-10:30 Parallel workshops – Session #4

*Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation) + salles L211, L212, L213*

### 10:30-11:00 Break

### 11:00-13:00 Plenary roundtable #4 Lost in translation? Cross-looks on monetary institutionalism

With:

Massimo Amato (U. Bocconi, Milano, Italy),  
Georgina M. Gómez (Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands),  
Robert Jessop (Lancaster University, United Kingdom),  
Nikolay Nenovsky (U. de Picardie, Amiens, France),  
Oscar Rodriguez (U. Nac. de Colombia),  
Hiroyuki Uni (Kyoto University, Japan).

Moderator: Ludovic Desmedt.

*Venue: Grand amphi (with French/English translation)*

In this roundtable, the internationalization of institutionalist works will be discussed, whether through translations, or by the development of international collaborations. We will also question the challenges and conditions of this internationalization: is it a reinforcing condition, or could it dissolve the originality of this body of work? We will also try to clarify the position of heterodox approaches to money outside the French-speaking world.

### 13:00 Conference closure