

# APPEAL Political Economy and the Law Workshop

## CONNECTING IDEAS AND POLICIES FOR CHANGE

ON JUNE 13–15, 2018, PERI hosted the Fourth Annual APPEAL Political Economy and the Law Workshop. The three-day workshop aimed to build connections among legal scholars and economists concerned with current challenges of inequality, instability, and the related risks to human, political, and environmental well-being. The workshop was designed to develop economists' understanding of the specific laws and legal institutions and concepts that underlie current systems and that shape the possibilities for reform. Participants explored the interrelationship between law and economy, with the goal of advancing a political economy view of markets and government as mutually constituted rather than separate spheres.

### PARTICIPANTS

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**Christine Desan**, Harvard Law School  
**Nicole Dewandre**, European Commission  
**Peter Dorman**, Evergreen State College  
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**Gerald Epstein**, PERI, Univ. of Mass. Amherst  
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**Gerald Friedman**, Univ. of Mass. Amherst  
**James Goodwin**, Center for Progressive Reform  
**Rohan Grey**, Cornell Univ.  
**Angela Harris**, UC Davis  
**Allison Hoffman**, Univ. of Pennsylvania Law  
**Jason Jackson**, MIT  
**Amy Kapczynski**, Yale Law School & LPE Blog  
**Nancy MacLean**, Duke Univ.  
**Martha Mahoney**, Univ. of Miami School of Law  
**Martha McCluskey**, SUNY Buffalo Law School  
**Katherine Moos**, PERI, Univ. of Mass. Amherst  
**Jamee Moudud**, Sarah Lawrence College  
**Lenore Palladino**, Smith College, Roosevelt Institute  
**Frank Pasquale**, Univ. of Maryland Law  
**Mark Paul**, Duke Univ., New College of Florida  
**Robert Pollin**, PERI, Univ. of Mass. Amherst  
**Brishen Rogers**, Temple Law  
**Mark Silverman**, Franklin & Marshall  
**Amy Sinden**, Temple Univ. Law  
**Liz Stanton**, Applied Economics Clinic  
**Jennifer Taub**, Vermont Law School  
**Sandeep Vaheesan**, Open Markets Institute  
**Lily Vo**, Attorney  
**Nick Werle**, Yale Law School  
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*Connecting Ideas and Policies for Change***

Hosted and Co-Sponsored by the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI)  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Wednesday, June 13     *Introductory Session***

**3:30 – 5:30 pm**     **Law and Economics Introductory “Boot Camp”**  
Jennifer Taub (Vermont Law School)  
Martha McCluskey (SUNY Buffalo Law School)  
Mark Silverman (Franklin & Marshall)  
Jamee Moudud (Sarah Lawrence)  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall*

**6:00 pm**     **Dinner** for introductory session participants and early arrivals  
Opportunity for introductory “Lightning Round” presentations  
*Amherst Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor UMass Campus Center*

**Thursday, June 14**

**8:00-8:45 am**     **Breakfast and Registration**  
*Atrium, Gordon Hall*

**9:00 -9:45 am**     **Welcome** Gerald Epstein (Co-Director, PERI; Univ. of Mass. Amherst)  
***Political Economy Overview***  
Robert Pollin (Co-Director, PERI; Univ. of Mass. Amherst)  
Martha McCluskey (APPEAL & SUNY Buffalo Law)  
Amy Kapczynski (Yale Law School & LPE Blog)  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall*

**10: 00 – 11:45 am**     **Plenary: *Democracy, Economy and Neoliberalism***  
Gerald Epstein (moderator)  
Nancy MacLean (Duke University)  
Angela Harris (UC Davis)  
Rohan Grey (Cornell University)  
Nicole Dewandre (European Commission)  
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**11:45 – 1:30 pm**     **Breakout Group Meetings Over Lunch**  
*Pick up lunch in Atrium, Gordon Hall*

Environment	<i>309 Crotty Hall</i>
Labor & Employment	<i>209 Crotty Hall</i>
Financial Regulation & Consumer Finance	<i>114 Crotty Hall</i>
Health & Social Welfare	<i>311 Gordon Hall</i>
Digital Market Structures	<i>215 Gordon Hall</i>

*See below (end of schedule) for more details*

- 1:30 – 3:00 pm**      **Plenary: *Climate Crisis and Economic Policy***  
 James Boyce, Moderator (PERI; University of Massachusetts Amherst)  
 Frank Ackerman (Synapse Energy Economics)  
 Liz Stanton (Applied Economics Clinic)  
 David Driesen (Syracuse University College of Law)  
 Peter Dorman (Evergreen State College)  
 Robert Pollin (Co-Director, PERI; University of Massachusetts Amherst)  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall*
- 3:00-3:15 pm**      **Break**  
*Snacks available in the Atrium*
- 3:15- 4:45 pm**      **Plenary: *Health Law and Economics***  
 Frank Pasquale, Moderator (University of Maryland Law)  
 Allison Hoffman (University of Pennsylvania Law)  
 Michael Ash (University of Massachusetts Amherst)  
 Ruqaiijah Yearby (St. Louis University School of Law)  
 Gerald Friedman (University of Massachusetts Amherst)  
 Nick Werle (Yale Law School)  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall*
- 4:45 – 5:45 pm**      **Breakout Group Meetings** (*see above & attached details*)
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm**      **Reception and Announcements**  
*University Club, 243 Stockbridge Road, Amherst*
- 7:00 pm**              **Dinner**  
*University Club*
- Friday, June 15**
- 8:00 – 8:45 am**      **Breakfast**  
*Atrium, Gordon Hall*
- 9:00 – 10:30 am**      **Plenary: *Law, Finance, and the Economy***  
 Jennifer Taub, Moderator (Vermont Law School)  
 Christine Desan (Harvard Law School)  
 Mehrsa Baradaran (Univ. of Georgia Law)  
 Jamee Moudud (Sarah Lawrence College)  
 Lenore Palladino (Smith College, Roosevelt Institute)  
 Gerald Epstein (Co-Director, PERI, Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst)  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (302-204), Gordon Hall*
- 10:30 – 10:45 am**      **Break**  
*Snacks available in the Atrium*

- 10:45 – 12:30 pm**     **Plenary: *Inequality and Work***  
 Lua Kamal Yuille, Moderator & Commentator (Univ. of Kansas Law)  
 Nancy Folbre (PERI, Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst)  
 Katherine Moos (PERI, Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst)  
 Jason Jackson (MIT)  
 Mark Paul (Duke University, New College of Florida)  
 Brishen Rogers (Temple Law)  
 Raúl Carrillo (Modern Money Network; Attorney)  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall*
- 12:30 - 2:15 pm**     **Lunch & Breakout Group Meetings** (see above & attached details)  
*Pick up lunch in Atrium, Gordon Hall*
- 2:15 – 3:45 pm**     **Plenary: *Politics of Expertise: Technocracy and Policy***  
 Frank Pasquale (moderator and commentator)  
 Sandeep Vaheesan (Open Markets Institute)  
 James Goodwin (Center for Progressive Reform)  
 Amy Sinden (Temple University Law)  
 Lily Vo (Attorney)  
 Martha Mahoney (University of Miami School of Law)  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall*
- 3:45 - 4:00 pm**     **Break**  
*Snacks available in the Atrium*
- 4:00 – 5:30 pm**     **Plenary: Breakout Group Reports and New Directions**  
***Ideas for Teaching, Research, Collaboration***  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (302-304), Gordon Hall*
- 5:30 – 7:00**     **Reception**  
*Atrium, Gordon Hall*
- TBA**     Possible dinner or drinks gathering(s) on your own for those staying in the area overnight.

## **BREAKOUT GROUPS**

<b><u>Breakout Group Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
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Additional rooms available for any additional groups that arise: *201 & 301 Gordon Hall*

**Breakout Groups Format & Goals:** Rather than formal paper presentations, we'd like these to be "working sessions" that can help develop political economy ideas & connections. Groups will be asked to take notes and report back Friday afternoon.

a) "Lightning round" **introductions**, aim for 3-4 minutes each, adding to your abstract, and any particular feedback you'd like, your initial thoughts on one or more questions below, or another issue for discussion. *We'll circulate longer papers to group members; send electronically by June 7 to [Denise.Rowboatfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:Denise.Rowboatfoundation@gmail.com).* Feel free to bring hard copies too.

b) **Questions for Friday plenary report:**

What core principles and assumptions should guide analysis of this topic?

What are some key recommended readings or resources?

How can analysis and policy on this topic respond to a range of inequalities and divisions, such as race, gender, citizenship status, religion, family status?

What specific policy reforms are most promising?

What questions would be most fruitful for further collaborative research & exchange?