

European “Philosophy-Economics” Network

To the attention of European scholars, philosophers and economists
(researchers, doctors, PhD students)

In June 2012, an *Economic Philosophy International Conference* took place in Lille (France) and was organized by the *Institute of Political Studies*. This unprecedented event (in France at least) gathered nearly seventy academic participants from both fields of philosophy and economics. During the conference, it was decided to establish a *Philosophy-Economics Network* with the aim of promoting exchanges and interactions between philosophers and economists on topics and issues of common scholarly interest.

This network has operated since November 2012 in a preliminary version limited to the French-speaking community and it already has more than two hundred members. In January 2013, the network set up a website (available at <http://philo-eco.eu>). It provides an alphabetical list of the network’s members and, above all, a rich up to date database of information (PhD defences, seminars, conferences, workshops, publication of books and journals, *etc.*) which over time will also become an archive database. The network also publishes, every 4 months, an electronic information letter concerning different topics (the network evolution, questions in debate, pioneer research centres, major events to come, *etc.*); the next letter is scheduled for the early July.

After this initial step we would like to extend the network to a European dimension. To this end we developed an English version of the site and the default homepage is now in English. Such a European network does already exist, *de facto*, through links forged over the years between institutions as, for example, TINT (Helsinki), CPNSS (London) and EIPE (Rotterdam) – and many others may exist. Our idea is to make the ones which already exists informally more noticeable. The point is also to increase and diversify the flow of information within a network of scholars scattered in Europe among many institutions.

With this English version, we hope to make the current network’s website accessible to a much larger number of people, but above all our aim is to collect and share information from all across Europe, concerning all that is done in the field of the interactions between philosophy and economics.

To give this project the necessary credibility, we sought for the support of scholars considered as references in the field of economic philosophy. Many of them accepted to give their scientific backing by becoming members of the network (see below the list in appendix).

Nevertheless, it is the support and membership of the greatest number of us, regardless of position and status, which will make (or not) for the success of the European “philo-eco” network. The few conditions to become a member are to be an academic (professor, researcher, doctor, PhD student), to accept to be mentioned on our member-list and to send us a message (see the network website; tab “[Membership/contacts](#)”). *There is no membership fee*. Of course, feel free to transfer this letter to any person who could be interested in this network (our mailing list is far to be exhaustive).

We preferred the informal and very adaptable form of an interactive network to the (more institutional) creation of an association, with statuses or even with human and financial means. Of course, this approach implies the good will and the efforts of the network managers, but as you can imagine they will not be capable of finding and sharing all the relevant news from all across Europe. *This is why the success of this European network will depend on the active cooperation of all the network members:* we strongly encourage

everyone to share the (often local) information he/she is aware of by sending an email to the network secretariat (secretariat@philo-eco.eu), whether a past event or a future one (PhD defences, seminars, conferences, workshops, publication of books and journals, *etc.*).

We are of course available for any further information that you would consider useful (secretariat@philo-eco.eu).

Best regards,

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P.S.:

1/ The domain name “philo-eco.eu” from which you received the current mail emphasizes that the network is independent of any institution.

2/ List of some researchers who accepted to support the European *Philosophy-Economics Network* development (the complete list of the network members is available on the site, tab “[List of members](#)”):

Gustaf Arrhenius, Roger E. Backhouse, Ken Binmore, Marcel Boumans, Richard Bradley, John Broome, Nancy Cartwright, Claude d'Aspremont, John B. Davis, Jon Elster, Francesco Guala, Daniel Hausman, Alan Kirman, Serge-Christophe Kolm, Pierre Livet, Uskali Mäki, Philippe Mongin, Birger P. Priddat, Wlodek Rabinowicz, Julian Reiss, Maurice Salles, Margaret Schabas, Bertram Schefold, Robert Sugden, Philip Van Parijs, Johannes J. Vromen, Bernard Walliser.