



ESHET

European Society for the History of Economic Thought

28th Annual ESHET Conference: Torino, Italy, 22-24 May 2025

The 28th Annual ESHET Conference will occur at **Università di Torino**, Italia, from **22 to 24 May 2025**.

The Conference's theme is: **"It's the end of economics (as we know it)"**, or the changing status of economics from a historical perspective.

Conference **venue**: Università di Torino, Campus Luigi Einaudi, Lungo Dora Siena 100A, 10153 Torino. Designed by Norman Foster, the **Campus Luigi Einaudi** has been included by CNN among the [10 most spectacular university buildings](#) in the world, and hosts the Scuola di Scienze giuridiche, politiche ed economico-sociali of Università di Torino.

The main conference sponsors are: **Dipartimento di Economia e Statistica "Cognetti de Martiis"** ([website](#)) and **Fondazione Luigi Einaudi**, Torino ([website](#))

Conference website: <https://www.eshet-conference.net/torino/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/eshet2025/>

Proposals for papers or sessions on **all aspects of the history of economic thought** are welcome.

As usual, participation in the conference is restricted to ESHET members. You cannot complete your conference registration if you are not an active member.

To **join or renew your membership**, please go to:

<https://www.eshet.net/how-to-become-a-member-or-renew-membership/>

Note that there are at least 10 other [good reasons](#) to participate in the ESHET Conference in Torino.



Call for papers

The main topic of the 28th ESHET Conference in Torino, 2025, is the **changing face of economics**, or the “**end**” of a **traditional view** of the discipline under the impact of three main forces.

- First, **specialization in research** and the fragmentation promoted by the prevalence of a find-your-niche approach, as a pragmatic solution for the otherwise unmanageable burden of previously accumulated knowledge.
- Second, the ever-increasing prestige of empirical research and the “**applied turn**” in economics, favored by new techniques and (big) data, but also by economics’ policy orientation.
- Third, the new **interdisciplinarity** of economics and the transformative impact other disciplines are having upon it, as demonstrated by the variety of research programs in mainstream economics.

The **future** - and **present** - of economics is at a crossroads. The abovementioned factors are driving the discipline **away from theory** - from both standard theory but also, in general, from theory itself. On one side, economics seminars and papers increasingly appear as exercises in applied econometrics using hitherto unexplored databases for purposes of policy evaluations. On the other, the mainstream of the discipline seems characterized by unprecedented variety, being populated by a series of research programs that deviate from the neoclassical core and have their origins in other disciplines. **From the monism of neoclassical theory**, during the decades of economics imperialism - when economics was mainly theoretical - **to today’s fragmentation: it’s (or may be) the end of economics as we know it**. While economics is now threatened by the risk of losing **identity**, with the fading out of (theoretical) foundations, it can explore an opportunity of **pluralism**, directing attention toward frontier issues, like innovation, sustainability, and gender, that most profit from the discipline’s applied turn and its new openness to neighboring social sciences.

The conference addresses the changing status of economics **from a historical perspective**. We welcome submissions on the conference theme and **any topic in the history of economics and economic thought**. The conference wants to examine, in particular, how economists have perceived their own research work and what, historically, **societies** expect from them or how societies react to their prescriptions. It aims at exploring the evolving connection between research **technologies** and how knowledge develops in economics, also in the light of the more general, philosophical issue of the persuasive power of technique in the present world. It seeks to analyze the **shifting boundaries** between economics and other disciplines, while generally reflecting upon economics’ **insularity** and desire for independence and the necessary **interconnections** with other sciences that the development of economics itself seems historically to require.

“**Last generalists**” at an epoch of fragmentation, or **specialists themselves** among many others, **historians of economic thought** will be thus concerned with **the importance of theory in structuring economics** - the space occupied by theory in economics - **and the importance of economics’ structure on theory** - that is, how the core-periphery organization which traditionally separates the orthodoxy of neoclassical economics from heterodox approaches has impacted upon economic theory and how it is changing.

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The **deadline** for submitting abstract or session proposals is **February 6, 2025**. The abstract should not exceed **400 words for a paper** and **600 words for a session**. Authors must select a “**submission area**” identifying the paper’s main topic.

In the case of **session proposals**, submissions must be done individually: the title of the session should be mentioned either in the title of the paper or in the abstract.
Authors are **notified** of acceptance by **February 20, 2025**.

Please **note** that:

- a) published papers are not eligible for submission;
- b) only one conference presentation is allowed per person (but more than one submission may be accepted if involving co-authors who are also presenting);
- c) session proposals must conform to standard format (3 papers, 90 minutes).



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ESHET YOUNG SCHOLARS SEMINAR

ESHET invites young scholars - persons **currently enrolled in a PhD**, or who have been awarded a PhD **no more than two years before the date of the ESHET conference** (and regardless of age) - to submit their work to the Young Scholars Seminar to be held on the occasion of the ESHET 2025 conference. Papers co-authored by PhD supervisors or other senior researchers are not eligible.

The grants for the scholars selected for the Young Scholars Seminar are sponsored by the [*European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*](#). **Up to six submissions** will be selected.

For those selected presenters who attend the conference in person, the **travel expenses** will be covered up to €300, the **accommodation costs** up to €80/night for three nights, and no registration fee will be charged. Moreover, the grantee scholars will be invited to the **conference dinner**. The authors of the selected papers will have 20 minutes each to present the paper, and a senior scholar will discuss it. Papers may be on any topic relevant to the history of economics and are not restricted to the conference theme.

ESHET encourages young scholars to participate in the conference. A one-year ESHET membership is offered to all young scholars who submit a paper. Papers not selected for the grant will be considered for presentation at other ESHET 2025 conference sessions.

Candidates should e-mail a paper **no longer than 9000 words** to eshet2025@unito.it (to the attention of Sylvie Rivot and Estrella Trincado) by **February 22, 2025**.

Local organizing committee: Mario Cedrini (Università di Torino), Angela Ambrosino (Università di Torino), Stefano Fiori (Università di Torino), Alain Marciano (Università di Torino), Valentina Erasmo (Università di Torino), Alessandro Le Donne (Università di Torino), Antonella Palumbo (Università Roma Tre), Antonella Rancan (Università del Molise)

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Università di Torino ([Unito](#)) is one of the most ancient, prestigious, and largest Italian Universities. Open to international research and training, Unito carries out scientific research and organizes courses in all disciplines, except for Engineering and Architecture. Hosting almost 80.000 students and with 120 buildings in different areas in Turin and in key places in Piedmont, Unito can be considered as “city-within-a-city”, promoting culture and producing research, innovation, training and employment.

Established in 1964 with the donation of Luigi Einaudi’s collection, nowadays the **Fondazione Luigi Einaudi** ([website](#)) represents a landmark for social sciences. Over the years, the continuous growth of the library and the archive, together with the support given to young scholars through the scholarships, the promotion of publications and the organization of seminars and conferences have allowed the Foundation to fulfill its mission, making knowledge increasingly more accessible.



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Important dates

Feb. 6: Abstract and session submission

Feb. 20: Acceptance notification

Feb. 22: Deadline for Young Scholars submissions

A word cloud of the titles of the past 27 ESHET Conferences