News from SASE/UC Berkeley

It began with a bang as this year’s SASE conference straddled an historic moment, with the unexpected results of the Brexit referendum trickling and then flooding in as everybody’s eyes seemed to be glued to their smartphones. Puzzlement and frankness over Britain’s exit from the EU made for a very intense first evening and led to a pop-up salon, led by Executive Council member Jackie O’Reilly. Click here for an overview of the discussion.

The UC Berkeley campus was buzzing with summer school activities as nearly 900 SASE attendees (including over 200 grad students) arrived to make this year’s the largest U.S. meeting in SASE history! Rooms were filled with conference participants across campus, and, of course, the presidential address delivered by Marion Fourcade, with the intriguing title "The Fly and the Cookie: The Moral Condition of 21st Century Capitalism", was a must - if you didn’t get a chance to hear the talk, rest assured, it will be appearing in a forthcoming issue of Socio-Economic Review.

SASE owes a great debt to outgoing president, Marion Fourcade who worked extraordinarily hard to make this one of the most successful SASE meetings to date. Assisting Marion throughout the year, Eva Seto was simply invaluable... A huge thank you to Heather Haveman, Neil Fligstein, and AnnaLee Saxenian, to the Berkeley Social Science Matrix, and to all of the SASE Network and Mini-Conference Organizers.

Click here for pictures of the meeting!
SASE / Lyon 2017

Next year's meeting will be taking place in Lyon, the gastronomical capital of France, from 29 June to 1 July 2017 at the Université Claude Bernard - Lyon 1. SASE President Christine Musselin has set the theme: "What's Next? Disruptive/Collaborative Economy or Business as Usual?"

Read the call for Mini-Conference theme track proposals here, and stay tuned to sase.org for more information!

Successful inaugural early career workshop at SASE 2016 conference in Berkeley

SASE held its inaugural workshop for early career researchers (ECRs) at its 2016 conference in Berkeley, California. Co-hosted by the UK's Warwick Institute of Employment Research, the workshop was also supported by the Institute for Research on Labor & Employment at Berkeley. "It’s an opportunity for SASE to help support the development of its next generation of scholars and for these young scholars to create what we hope will be lasting professional bonds between themselves," explained organising committee chair, Chris Warhurst.

Selection for the workshop was competitive, with over 60 applications coming from doctoral candidates and post-docs worldwide. After rigorous reviewing by the organising committee, 22 applicants were accepted, drawn from North and South America and Europe. Each ECR received a financial award to support their workshop and conference attendance.
The day-long workshop, held just before the main conference, had inputs from world-leading work and employment experts from the US, Europe and Australia. Besides opportunity for early career participants to have in-depth discussion of their research, sessions focused on the meaning of socio-economics, how to get published and developing a career strategy. Slides from Neil Fligstein’s engaging and provocative session on the meaning of socio-economics today can be found on the SASE website.

ECR feedback was enthusiastic. As Columbia University PhD student Pierre-Christian Fink commented: ‘The program offered an amazing combination of (i) academic arguments and career counselling, (ii) feedback on each junior scholar’s specific paper and discussions of broader concerns, and (iii) interaction with senior scholars and network building among the junior scholars. It allowed me to develop ideas and forge relationships that will be important well beyond the SASE conference.’

Aiming to build on this success, the second workshop will be held at next year’s SASE conference in Lyon. Details of the workshop and how to apply for it will be posted on the SASE website later in 2016.

Did you miss the conference? Or looking for the title of a fantastic paper presented in a session you attended? Trying to remember the name of that Mini-Conference you missed out on? Just plain nostalgic for the halcyon days of Berkeley 2016? No need to worry, you can consult the online program here!

Socio-Economic Review now has an Impact Factor of 1.926! You can now explore a selection of highly cited articles such as Natascha van der Zwan’s “Making Sense of Financialization” and Michèle Lamont, Stefan Beljean & Matthew Clair’s “What is Missing? Cultural Processes and Causal Pathways to Inequality” for free online until June 2017. Just click here.

SASE would like to congratulate Matthew Soener and Darius Bozorg Mehri for winning the 2016 Socio-Economic Review Best Paper Prize. Click here to read Matthew Soener’s paper, and here for Darius Bozorg Mehri’s paper.

Distinctions

Congratulations to Michael Storper are in order for the Founder’s Medal for scholarship and leadership in human and economic geography bestowed upon him.
In the Media

Neil Fligstein and Alina Polyakova have an Op-Ed in the New York Times on Brexit that came out shortly after the fateful decision.

A paper by J. Nicholas Ziegler and John T. Woolley, on the fight over derivatives-trading regulations was cited in a New Yorker article on Dodd-Frank.

Ashley Mears was interviewed by the weblog Work in Progress about her work on the ethnography of desire.

Appel à articles de la Revue française de socio-économie : Genese des Futurs Économiques

La Revue Française de Socio-Économie lance un appel à contributions pour un numéro thématique "Genèse des futurs économiques". La date limite des envois a été fixée au 16 décembre 2016.

La Revue Française de Socio-Économie appelle à articles

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Les articles d'une longueur maximale de 60 000 signes (espaces et notes de bas de page compris) doivent parvenir par voie électronique à : rf-socioeconomie@univ-lille1.fr. Ils doivent impérativement être présentés selon les normes éditoriales de la revue.

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