

## Call for Papers

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*Poverty and Misery  
in the  
History of Economic Thought*

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#### Calendar

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| 1) <i>Deadline for abstracts:</i>       | <i>10 April 2008</i>       |
| 2) <i>Acceptance of abstracts:</i>      | <i>1 June 2008</i>         |
| 3) <i>Deadline for papers:</i>          | <i>1 November 2008</i>     |
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*Abstracts at about 3 pages (no more than 5 pages) and papers should be submitted by E-mail to the following address:*  
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# *Poverty and Misery in the History of Economic Thought*

Economic poverty is seen as one of the most iconic forms of modern times' misfortunes. Hence, alleviating poverty and relieving and helping the poor has been a mainstay of economic policy objectives, with a view to eventually eradicate poverty from the societies in which we live. It has not always been that way, however. Poverty has not at all times been looked at as an ailment that ought to be cured and rooted out. The materiality and meaning of poverty within the realm of human experience are thus of a quite multifarious nature, and while setting sights on the latest centuries, those during which economic science has blossomed, one should bear this multifariousness in mind.

Indeed, in particular in current modern times, poverty can in our view be seen as being dual, encompassing a more traditional form, on the one hand, as well as another form specifically related to monetary and capitalist economic systems, on the other hand, the latter form being called misery. In that view, the difference between one and the other is not simply quantitative, as misery is not just a further stage of poverty. Which leads us to the following question: has this other form of poverty been conceived in relation to certain specific forms of wealth? Is it this extreme form of poverty that governments contemplate stamping out through the use of the instruments supplied by economic science? Can headway be made in this quest, and is there any hope of bringing misery to an end in a foreseeable future?

Papers dealing with the various issues at hand, i.e. determining the various forms of poverty, understanding the genesis of misery in capitalistic economies as well as the fashion in which misery may be produced by capitalism itself, possibly superseding in the process poverty in its previous social form, are sought for this colloquium. To work towards the end envisioned, rehabilitating writings that have thus far been ignored is not a path that we intend to follow, as we would rather, more modestly, look towards emphasizing the great works of economists, philosophers and writers of the modern era.

From this point of view, four subject matters may be brought forward in the investigation of the issue of poverty as comprehended in economic works:

- **The evolution of categorization and measurement of poverty**
- **The economic theory of poverty**
- **Policies dealing with poverty, social justice and the extent to which poverty may be curtailed**
- **Poverty, envy, frustrations and illusory riches**

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