



(Ulysses and the Sirens - Mosaic, Dougga, by 260 BC)

"Whoever unwittingly goes past them and hears the Sirens' call never gets back [...]. But if you're keen to hear them, make your crew tie you down in your swift ship. Stand there with hands and feet lashed to the mast [...]. You'll enjoy their song."
(Homer, *The Odyssey*, Book 12)

**11th SUMMER INSTITUTE on
Economic History, Philosophy, and
History of Economic Thought**

*Decision Theory : History and
Methodology*

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Call for Papers

Participants: PhD students and young scholars

Domains: history of economic thought, economic philosophy and economic history (20 to 30 proposals will be selected for presentation)

The Summer Institute on Economic History, Philosophy and History of Economic Thought was created in 1998 with the following objectives and organization:

Objectives

- Introduce young scholars to specific subjects in the history of economic thought;
- Give young scholar papers circulation and scientific evaluation within the history of economic thought community;
- Bring young scholars to the light of recent developments in economics and their relation to history and methodology.

Organization

- Young scholar workshops on free subjects;
- Senior scholar conferences on the Summer Institute's subject.

Participants to the Summer Institute are usually twenty to thirty PhD students and young scholars, in addition to ten to fifteen senior scholars. The call for papers is intended to young scholars from European Union countries. Papers and speeches are allowed on both English and French, the understanding of French is however required as a condition to attend the Summer Institute.

I. Young Scholar Workshops

Four to six young scholar papers on Economic History, Philosophy and History of Economic Thought are presented daily. The paper's subjects may differ from the Summer Institute's theme. Speeches take place in presence of scholars from the organizing research centers. Each contribution is discussed by a young scholar reporter, the session's chair, and the audience.

Contributions are selected from abstract or full-paper proposals (in English or French). The submission date limit is June 1, 2008. Selection is made according to standard procedures in use by the scientific community.

II. Summer Institute Conferences

Every morning, the Summer Institute is devoted to its specific subject. Senior scholar speeches are based on papers on this subject and followed by a general discussion.

This year's subject:

"Decision Theory - History and Methodology"

This issue appeals to important topics such as the confrontation of disciplines and methods (economics, psychology, philosophy, mathematics...), and debates on the application of the approach (behavioral finance, distribution analysis, public decision-making, the economics of marriage, etc...). Following the tradition of the Summer Institute's practice, the subject will be treated so as to bring the history of economic thought together with contemporary issues on economic theory and methodology.

Individual decision-making has been a subject matter for philosophers, moralists, and legislators for a long time. Prior to classical political economy, this inquiry led to a philosophy of action. This program was followed by French and Scottish enlightenment philosophers as Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Adam Smith. It nurtured utilitarianism and classical political economy. Subsequently, theories of value, utility and choice continued to evolve through the work of Jevons, Hicks, Marshall, Pareto and other defenders of marginalism. After World War II, decision-making came to be studied in a preference/choice-based framework. Strategic decision-making, risk and uncertainty entered the new research program. Since the mid-1970s, methodology seems to be changing again. Experimentation has become a new methodological tool in the modeling of economic decision-making.

Decision theory must be understood in relation to its history and methodology. This year's Summer Institute is intended to introduce young scholars to both of these subjects.

Conference Speakers

- **Gunther Capelle-Blancard** (CES-Team, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne)
Finance comportementale
- **Marc-Arthur Diaye** (CEE et Université d'Evry Val d'Essonne)
Le choix rationnel : une perspective historique
- **François Gardes** (CES-Cermsem, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne)
Les préférences révélées : analyse et histoire
- **André Lapidus** (Phare, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne)
Utilité, préférences, choix, rationalité : de quoi parle-t-on ?
- **Sandra Laugier** (IUF, Université de Picardie - Jules Verne)
Délibération, décision, action : une perspective philosophique
- **Louis Lévy-Garboua** (CES-Team, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne)
Economie comportementale
- **Philippe Mongin** (Cnrs et Groupe Hec)
La théorie de l'utilité espérée à la lumière de la philosophie des sciences
- **Andreas Ortmann** (Cerge-Ei, Charles University, Prague)
Economics and psychology: the individual decision
- **Christian Schmidt** (Phare et Lesod, Université Paris IX Dauphine)
L'apport de la neuroéconomie à l'intelligence des choix individuels : Origines historiques et fondements philosophiques
- **Peter Wakker** (Erasmus University, Rotterdam)
How do we deal with risk and uncertainty?
- **Marc Willinger** (Lameta, Université de Montpellier I)
Expérimentation et choix individuels

Summer Institute's Organization

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Cité Internationale Universitaire
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75014 Paris,
(RER B - Cité Universitaire)



- **in Saint-Denis**

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