

Call for Papers

17th Max Weber Fellows Conference

“The Individual and the Collective: Concepts, Methods and Approaches”

EUI (Badia Fiesolana) | 14-16 June 2023

The interplay between the individual and the collective sits at the centre of foundational studies of Social Sciences and Humanities. Social identity, collective rights, the concept of self, and individual and collective interests are all essential topics in law, history, social and political sciences, and economics. The relationship between the individual and the collective is not only an important subject of research in its own right, but it also offers an important conceptual and methodological lens through which we can examine the past and present, and with which we can think about the future. This year, the MWP June Conference wishes to investigate these themes with international and interdisciplinary approaches, allowing scholars to reflect on their research topics and methodologies.

Can we use the same concepts when we talk about individual and collective rights or legal personhood? Is the divide between private and public law a divide between individual and collective? How can histories of individuals be used to explain wider historical processes? Can the tensions between individual and collective be seen as a force for change? How does collective action reinforce or deter individual action? How does collective identity shape individual preferences along these categories? These are among the questions that will be asked and answered during this year's conference.

We invite scholars from Humanities, Political and Social Sciences, Law, and Economics, as well as policymakers to reflect and exchange new ideas on this classic topic. We welcome papers on topics including:

- Individual and Collective Rights
- Inequality, diversity, inclusion
- Identities including race, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, social class
- Distinctions between Private and Public Law
- Democracy and Institutions
- Legal personhood
- Political polarization, conflict, transformations
- Welfare Regimes
- Public goods
- Private and public property

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- Research ethics, data security and privacy
- Biography, microhistory, and oral history as methods of studying society
- Concepts of the self

Submissions

We accept four types of submissions:

1. Individual papers (can be co-authored) (10-15 minute presentations)
2. Panel Proposals (3-4 connected presentations from different disciplines and research clusters)
3. Proposal for roundtables on career-related topics
4. Poster proposals

Application

Please complete the submission form, which includes an abstract of max. 200 words per presentation and 4 keywords describing the topic of the presentation.

Please email the submission form to MWP-June-Conference@eui.eu

Deadline for submissions: 12 April 2023

The Max Weber Programme can cover accommodation for up to 4 nights during the conference, up to €250.00 for flights within Europe and up to €500.00 for flights outside of Europe for MW Alumni.

MW Alumni are encouraged to use their own funds if possible.

2023 Organising Committee

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