

Past Conferences - Max Weber Programme

Each year the Max Weber Programme hosts at least three major conferences: an Academic Careers MWP Conference in the fall, a Classics Revisited MWP Conference in the winter, and in the spring a Social Issues for Social Sciences MWP Conference.

Below follows an overview of the past conferences held by the Max Weber Programme listed by academic year.

Academic Year 2020-2021

Healing and Renewal

[15th Max Weber Fellows June Conference](#) (day 1)

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Academic Year 2019-2020

14th MWP-ACO Conference

'National and European Funding Opportunities in the Social Sciences for Young Researchers'

28 January 2020 - Badia, Emeroteca

The MWP-ACO conference on research funding opportunities is open to Post-doctoral Fellows and PhD Researchers at the Institute.

It will gather together representatives of European and national funding agencies as well as young academics to discuss on research schemes and grants available to international researchers in the Social Sciences and Humanities.

The speakers will provide the audience with information about opportunities which are directly aimed at early-career scholars.

A central session of the conference will focus on top tips for grant-writing. The presenter, Henriette Bruun, will share with the audience the details about application procedures and some practical tips to successfully apply for research funding.

After the presentations, there will be time for individual consultations with the speakers.

13th JMU-MWP Symposium

'Politics strikes back: Europe between old and new challenges'

7 April 2020 - Online

The Max Weber Programme and the James Madison University's M.A. Program in European Union Policy Studies are pleased to announce the 13th Joint Graduate Symposium.

The symposium gives JMU's MA students in European Union Policy Studies an opportunity

to present and discuss their own research with Max Weber Fellows and the wider EUI community in an academic setting. This year, the symposium highlights ever diverging problems in the EU, including economic, social, political, and security issues.

14th Social Issues for Social Sciences Conference

'A Time for Anxiety?'

18-19 June 2020 - Online

'May you live in interesting times' warns an apocryphal Chinese saying, sometimes used in English as a curse, which was selected as the title for last year's Venice Biennale. It may indeed be wiser to desire to live in uninteresting times, when peace, stability, and prosperity abound. Interesting times are, instead, moments of rapid change, rich in opportunity but also characterized by the displacement of traditions, institutions, and forms of living, which often result in growing inequality and conflict. These moments are, in the minds of many, times for anxiety. To grapple with the transitional nature of our own contemporary world, the 14th Max Weber Conference would like to encourage a responsible scholarly reflection on the turbulent political, economic, legal, and historical processes that characterize – today as in the past – both real and perceived times for anxiety.

Academic Year 2018-2019

13th MWP-ACO Conference

'National and European Funding Opportunities in the Social Sciences for Young Researchers'

12 December 2018 - Badia, Emeroteca

The MWP-ACO conference on research funding opportunities is open to young researchers in the Social Sciences and Humanities at the Institute.

It will bring together representatives of European and national agencies and research funding charities as well as young academics, who will provide Max Weber Fellows and EUI researchers with up-to-date information on research funding schemes in countries such as the Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Belgium, Poland, Luxembourg and Finland. Delegates will explain their programmes and offer advice and insight on the application process.

The second morning session of the conference will focus on top tips for grant-writing. The presenters, Jacob Leveridge and Henrietta Bruun, will share with the audience details about application procedures and some practical tips to successfully apply for research funding. After the presentations, there will be time for individual consultations with the speakers.

12th JMU-MWP Symposium

'Europe in Times of Change: Challenges and Policies in a Complex Political Order'

12 April 2019 - Badia, Emeroteca

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This year, the symposium highlights ever diverging problems in the EU, including economic, social, political, and security issues.

The conference will culminate with a keynote lecture by Dr. Federica Bicchi, Professor of Political Science at London School of Economics and Political Science.

13th Social Issues for Social Sciences Conference
'Drivers and Consequences of Transformation'

12-14 June 2019 - Badia Fiesolana

This conference aims at creating a cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary dialogue on historical and contemporary social, economic, legal and political transformations. The goal is to reflect on the driving forces and actors of past or current events shaping societal developments and their effects. Various dimensions of change will be explored, such as political transitions, social contestations, economic integration, cultural disjunctures, technological advancements, and socio-legal reforms.

Academic Year 2017-2018

12th MWP-ACO Conference

'National and European Funding Opportunities in the Social Sciences for Young Researchers'

31 January 2018 - Badia, Emeroteca

The MWP-ACO Conference will gather together representatives of European and national funding agencies, professors and young academics to discuss on research schemes and grants available to international researchers in the Social Sciences and Humanities.

The speakers will provide the audience with information about opportunities which are directly aimed at early-career scholars.

The event will also enable the ACO team to offer the most up to date information on these schemes globally to post docs by uploading the details of the schemes on the ACO website.

The last part of the conference will focus on top tips for grant-writing. The presenters will share with the audience the details about application procedures and some practical tips to successfully apply for research funding.

11th JMU-MWP Symposium

'Diverging Problems in the EU'

10 April 2018 - Badia, Emeroteca

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12th Social Issues for Social Sciences Conference
'States, societies and crises across time and space'

13-15 June 2018 - Badia Fiesolana

Each year, the Max Weber June Conference presents an opportunity to enhance academic exchange and collaboration between different generations of fellows.

At a time of perceived global upheaval and crisis, we seek to bring together an eclectic group of scholars to discuss some of the major transformations that states and societies have undergone across time and space.

The aim is to develop multidisciplinary perspectives on key current, past and likely future challenges faced by local, regional, national and transnational communities. These include, but are not limited to, issues related to income, employment, markets, finance, trade, education, health, mobility, migration, security, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, race, citizenship, religion, the workplace and the environment.

Academic Year 2016-2017

11th MWP-ACO Conference

'National and European Research Funding Opportunities in the Social Sciences for Young Researchers'

8 February 2017 - Badia, Emeroteca

10th JMU-MWP Symposium

'The Past, Present, and Future of the EU: Multidimensional Perspectives'

7 April 2017 - Badia, Emeroteca

11th Social Issues for Social Sciences Conference

'Transformation, Instability and Diversity'

7-9 June 2017 - Badia Fiesolana

Academic Year 2015-2016

10th MWP-ACO Conference

'Exploring National and European Research Funding Opportunities for Young Academics'

2 December 2015, - Badia, MWP Common Room

9th JMU-MWP Symposium

'The EU's foreign, migration and security policies: A Transatlantic perspective'

18 April 2016 - Badia, MWP Common Room

10th Social Issues for Social Sciences Conference

'Dimensions of Equality, Effectiveness and Efficiency - past and future'

8-10 June 2016 - Badia Fiesolana

Academic Year 2014-2015

9th MWP-ACO Conference

'Exploring European and National Funding Opportunities'

26 November 2014

Badia, MWP Common Room

8th JMU-MWP Symposium

'Moving beyond the Crisis: Internal and External Policy Challenges of the European Union'

16 April

Badia, MWP Common Room

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10-12 June 2015

Badia Fiesolana

Academic Year 2013-2014

8th MWP-ACO Conference

'The Academic Contract'

19-20 November 2013

Badia, MWP Common Room

ACO-MWP Conference

'National and European Funding Opportunities'

26 February 2014

Badia, MWP Common Room

7th JMU-MWP Graduate Symposium

'The European Union and the Challenges of Globalizing Politics and Economics'

11 April 2014

8th Classics Revisited Conference

'Empathy and Competition, A 21st Century View on Adam Smith'

7 May 2014

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11-13 June 2014

Badia Fiesolana

Academic Year 2012-2013

7th MWP-ACO Conference

'Academic Careers in the Social Sciences: Entry, Competition and Advancement'

28 November 2012

Academic Careers Observatory, MWP, EUI

"Sense and Sentiment in the Early Modern World"

1 March 2013, joint conference by Max Weber Programme and HEC Department, EUI

"National and European Funding Opportunities"

6 March 2013, MWP-ACO

"From the League of Nations to the United Nations: New Approaches to International Institutions"

21-23 March 2013, joint conference by Max Weber Programme, the Global Governance Programme, RSCAS and the HEC Department, EUI

Graduate Symposium

25 March 2013, JMU-MWP

"Democratic Representation in Crisis: What Kinds of Theories for What Kinds of Research, and to What Ends?"

9-10 April 2013, joint NYU-MWP Conference

7th MWP Classics Revisited Conference: Machiavelli's Il Principe at 500

7 & 8 May 2013, MWP, EUI

7th Max Weber Fellows June Conference

12-14 June 2013, MWP, EUI

Academic Year 2011-2012

6th MWP-ACO Conference

30 November 2011, Academic Careers Observatory, MWP, EUI

European Internal Security Conference

23-25 April 2012, EUI

6th Classics Revisited MWP Conference

2 May 2012, MWP, EUI

Graduate Symposium

6 June 2012, JMU and MWP joint conference

6th Max Weber Fellows June Conference

13-15 June 2012, MWP, EUI

Academic Year 2010-2011

5th MWP-ACO Conference: Enhancing the Efficiency of European Research Funding in the Social Sciences (in Times of Financial Restraint)

24 November 2010, Academic Careers Observatory, MWP, EUI

Thomas Hobbes - 5th Classics Revisited MWP Conference: Thomas Hobbes and the Modern State: A 21st Century Interdisciplinary Perspective

30 March 2011, MWP, EUI

Learning from Global Economic Crises: Lessons for and from the Social Sciences

MWP and Pierre Werner Chair (RSCAS) Conference

11 May 2011, MWP/RSCAS, EUI

Max Weber Fellows Lustrum Conference

8-10 June 2011, MWP, EUI

James Madison University Fourth Graduate Symposium

Co-organised by MWP and JMU

16 June 2011

Academic Year 2009-2010

Max Weber Fellows June Conference

15-16 June 2010, MWP, EUI

Competition and Knowledge: Hayek's Perspective

9 June 2010, 4th Classics Revisited MWP Conference, EUI

The Future of Europeanization: European Policies in the Making

7 June 2010, MWP and JMU 3rd Graduate Symposium, EUI

Legal Reasoning and European Laws: the Perspective of Neil MacCormick
21 May 2010, MWP/LAW, EUI

Contemporary Approaches to Inequality in the Social Sciences
5-6 May 2010, MWP/RSCAS conference, EUI

The 2007-2010 Financial and Economic Crisis: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Responses
15 April 2010, MWP, EUI

Understanding the Dynamics of Migration: Family, Generations and Inequalities
11-12 March 2010, Max Weber Programme and Pierre Werner Chair (RSCAS), EUI

Openness and Competition in European Research Funding: Grants for International Researchers
11 November 2009, Academic Careers Observatory, MWP, EUI

Academic Year 2008-2009

The Challenge of Carl Schmitt: Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and International Law
29-30 June, 2009 - Max Weber Programme and HEC, EUI

Max Weber Fellows' Contribution to Social Sciences and Humanities
10-12 June, 2009 - Max Weber Programme, EUI

Future of Europeanization - European Policies in the Making
8 June 2009, Max Weber Programme, EUI and James Madison University

On Objective Knowledge in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Karl Popper and Beyond
13-14 March 2009, Max Weber Programme, EUI

Multilevel Judicial Governance between Global and Regional Economic Integration Systems: Institutional and Substantive Aspects
28 November 2008, Max Weber Programme and Law Department, EUI

University Autonomy and the Globalization of Academic Careers
12 November 2008, Academic Careers Observatory, Max Weber Programme, EUI

Bourgeois Seas. Revisiting the Middle Classes of the Eastern Mediterranean Port-Cities
19-20 September 2008, HEC Department, the RSCAS, the Max Weber Programme, EUI, Saki Gekas (University of Manchester) and Paris Papamihos Chronakis (University of Crete)

Academic Year 2007-2008

Graduate Symposium on the Future of European Union Policies in Theory and Practice

26-27 June 2008, MWP and Law Department, EUI and James Madison University

Globalization and Inequalities: Reflections on the Development of a Divided World

12-13 June 2008, MWP, EUI

Integration without EU membership in Europe: models, experiences, perspectives

23-24 May 2008, MWP and Law Department, EUI

David Hume on Norms and Institutions

17 April 2008, MWP, EUI

Studying Religion and Politics

17-18 March 2008, MWP and Political and Social Science Department, EUI

Academic Careers in the Social Sciences and Humanities: National Comparisons and Opportunities

30 November 2007, MWP, EUI

Academic Year 2006-2007

Constitutions and Markets

14-15 June 2007, MWP, EUI

Research and Higher Education in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges for Young Academics

24 May 2007, MWP, EUI

Max Weber in the 21st Century: Transdisciplinarity within the Social Sciences

27-28 April 2007, MWP, EUI