



**UNIVERSITY OF THESSALY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

## **6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Economics** **“INSTITUTIONS & THE KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY”**

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### **Call for papers**

The Postgraduate Program of the Department of Economics, University of Thessaly is organizing the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference on Applied Economics from **30<sup>th</sup> of May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019**.

The Conference theme is *“INSTITUTIONS & the KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY”*.

The disruptive nature of technical change has escalated as the economic crisis erupted. In that context it became evident that appropriate institutional arrangement (formal and/or informal), organizational structures and human capabilities are required to direct this change and help players embrace the ongoing information and communication technology revolution towards the development of really competitive, innovative, socially-cohesive and knowledge-based economies.

Anyhow, the rise of the “Knowledge Economy” poses challenges at the economic, business, cultural, social and institutional structures. New modes of production, distribution and value creation are identified along with new divides, disparities and inequalities.

On these grounds, the main thematic axes, around which the Conference will revolve, are (but not exclusively) the following:

- Firms and the knowledge economy
- Human Capital and the knowledge economy
- Political Economy of the ‘brain drain’
- State policies and the knowledge economy
- Socio-technical transitions
- Regional disparities and the knowledge economy
- Inequalities and new divides
- Sustainability, resilience and the knowledge economy
- Commons and the knowledge economy
- Social and solidarity economy in the new knowledge era
- De-growth and the knowledge economy
- Geo-economics of knowledge

### **Keynote speakers to be announced.**

- ✓ All the presentations of the papers will be in English. Selected papers will be published in a collective volume in an international publishing house or peer review journals.
- ✓ Colleagues are invited to suggest special parallel sessions.
- ✓ Special Young Scholar sessions (PhD candidates) will be organized and students working on the above areas should submit a full paper. The best individually submitted “Young Scholar paper” will receive a prize at the end of the Conference.

**Important dates:**

- Those interested in presenting a paper, or to organize a special session, please send the title and an abstract in English of around 250-350 words along with author details to: [AppliedEconomicsConference@econ.uth.gr](mailto:AppliedEconomicsConference@econ.uth.gr) by **February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.
- Authors will be notified by **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.
- Full papers (from PhD students only) should be submitted by **April 20, 2019**.

**Venue:**

- The Conference will take place in Volos, Greece, from May 30<sup>th</sup> (noon) to June 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 (afternoon) at the Economic Department's facilities: 78, 28<sup>th</sup> October Str. (ex-Matsaggos tobacco factory)
- Detailed travel and accommodation instructions will be soon available on the conference's website

**Fees:** Conference participants 100 €. PhD Students 50 €

The organizing committee will appreciate receiving early notice by colleagues who intend to participate either as authors or session chairs. The conference is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Hence, you are all welcomed to announce it to colleagues and PhD students who might be interested to participate.

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