

Feedback from Participants in the Third International Cultural Political Economy Conference/Workshop 6-8 September 2017

“Thanks a lot for a fantastic couple of days! The welcoming and inclusionary atmosphere has been amazing, and it has been such a wonderful experience participating in both the workshop and conference. For the next conference, doing this sort of introductory workshop again would be great.

Just a couple of thoughts on potential path-ways for next time:

One way of supplementing the one-day workshop might be to make smaller "workshops for young/early-stage scholars" throughout the conference days (1-2 hour sessions). These could focus on different sub-themes, such as 'How to integrate different selectivities within empirical case studies?', 'How to navigate Scylla and Charybdis?', 'How to write-up CPE studies?', 'How to be a CPE scholar within the neoliberal university?' and so forth. While these could be organized as more formal presentations, they could also take the form of more open dialogical spaces throughout the days.

Another road might be to try some kind of informal mentoring scheme, where "senior" and "junior" researchers volunteer to have one (or more) informal talks about their research during the conference days. I think this is something that is being done at a number of other conferences and it might also have some potential here.

Obviously, these are just some thoughts. Once again, thanks for organizing these inspirational days.” - *Jannick Schou, PhD fellow, IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

“Thank you very much for your e-mail and especially for the wonderful workshop/conference. Both events have not only been highly valuable for me because of the wide as well as profound discussions about Cultural Political Economy. Your hospitality and the open-minded and pleasant atmosphere that you have created have also been very impressive.” - *Dr. Tim Griebel, Institute of Political Science, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany*

“I found the workshop to be really helpful and it was masterfully delivered by Ngai-Ling and Bob Jessop, presenting CPE in an engaging way by bringing the theory to life through empirical examples. It was a very constructive session where I had the opportunity to present my work and get feedback for my research project while also learning about the interesting work of other researchers. The organisation of the workshop in conjunction with the conference was a plus as this provided the chance to meet more people and engage in interesting discussions. I was also able to pick up hints and tips by looking at how others have used and developed CPE in their own projects. It was indeed a great experience.” - *Nikos Kanellopoulos, PhD Candidate, School of Social and Political Science, Edinburgh University*

“Thanks very much for acceptance and invitation to the 3rd CPE conference. It was very smoothly and thoughtfully organized, and I gained greatly as a PhD student.

Through the postgraduate workshop, I could get a much clearer picture of the CPE framework as developed by Ngai-ling and Bob, and seeing the ways that others employed it in their research projects was helpful to my work. One of the most useful parts was the feedback and discussion. It might be hard to balance between having many speakers and keeping enough time for discussion; overall, it went well, with good facilitation and time-keeping.

It was great to receive feedback on my presentations and meet others working on financial literacy or other dimensions of financialization. Also, as a participant coming from Asia, it was a great chance to meet many from the UK and different parts of Europe and get a feel for the variation in topics and areas of emphasis, within the work on CPE.

Seeing the high standard of theoretical development in the papers and thesis presented, I've been inspired to push my own theoretical framework to a more solid level than had I not attended this conference.” - *Doris Lee, PhD Candidate, Department of Asian and International Studies, City University of Hong Kong*

“As a PhD student I found the post-graduate workshop extremely helpful in preparing me to deliver my conference paper. It was beneficial for me to hear the presentations from the other post-graduates who attended from far and wide, both in terms of disciplinarity and geography. I would highly recommend any postgraduate students to register for the workshop for future conferences as the atmosphere was supportive and developmental. It helped to make more confident about my paper” - *Abdul Hafiz, Academic Subject Leader, Community and Care, University Centre, Blackburn College*

“Many thanks again for organising and hosting this very interesting and inspiring conference. I've learned a lot indeed.” - *Dorothea Schoppek, Research Fellow, Political Science Institute, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany*