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1) Keynote by Kaushik Basu

ASE will once again sponsor an opening plenary session at ASSA. This year, the keynote address will be given by Kaushik Basu, until recently the Senior Vice President for Development Economics at the World Bank and now back with Cornell University. Kaushik will talk about "How markets can promote discrimination against groups: Evidence, analysis and policy." The session will be on January 05, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Swissotel Chicago (Zurich A-C). We will have a light reception after the presentation.

2) Sessions at ASSA 2017

The theme of the ASE program at ASSA 2017 in Chicago is Human Development and Poverty Reduction. We will have seven sessions on the following topics: (1) The Political Economy of Qualities: The Erosion of Ethics and Values in an Increasingly Iniquitous Global System; (2) Ignorance in Economics; (3) Measuring Socioeconomic Health Inequalities; (4) Poverty, Shared Prosperity, and Vulnerability; (5) Financing College Education and Its Consequences; (6) Realizing the Promise of Education for Development: The World Development Report Panel; and (7) Digital Technology, Skills and Labour Policy in Latin America. The program is now on the ASE website.

3) Special Issue of Forum

A special issue of Forum will be devoted to the best papers pres
ented at ASSA 2017. Papers should not be too technical and ideally at 3,500 TO 4,000 words in length. The papers should emphasize policy implications of the research being conducted. Ideally they should be related to the theme of ASE at ASSA program – “Human Development and Poverty”. All ASE presenters at ASSA will be contacted, but for more information, please do not hesitate to send an email to Quentin Wodon (Log into your account to view the email address.).

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLY

4) ASE Program Secretary

ASE seeks a new Program Secretary. The Program Secretary is responsible for coordinating efforts in order to ensure smooth running of the ASE sessions at the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) meetings. This is a three-year term from January 2017 through December 2019. The Program Secretary is appointed by the Executive Council of the Association. In order to apply, please send a letter of interest and a CV to Giuseppe Fontana (G.Fontana@leeds.ac.uk) by November 1, 2016. Phone interviews will be held in mid-November 2016.

5) Waters Grant

The deadline to apply for the William R. Waters Research Grant is November 16, 2016. The grant was established in 1999. The research grant is for promising new faculty members who have not yet been granted tenure and for graduate students in PhD programs who have not yet completed their dissertation. The current amount of the annual grant is up to $5000. In some years, two grants are awarded. The grants have been used by recent recipients for research all over the world. Information on the grant and how to apply is available on the ASE website. You may also send an email to George DeMartino (george.demartino@du.edu) for more information.

UPCOMING REGIONAL CONFERENCES
6) Midwest Economics Association

Submissions are still open for the ASE sessions at the Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting on March 31-April 2, 2017 in Cincinnati, OH. The theme of the ASE sessions is “The Economy as Social - Studies in Social Economics”. Please submit a paper title and abstract (up to 250 words) to Bruce Pietrykowski, Association for Social Economics Midwest Regional Director, at bpie@umich.edu no later than October 6, 2016.

7) Eastern Economic Association

Submissions are now open for the Association for Social Economics sessions at the 2017 Eastern Economic Association meetings, being held in New York City from February 23-26, 2017. Please see the information on the ASE website. Proposals that combine economics and other social sciences, including sociology, philosophy, geography, political science, and anthropology, are encouraged. Please email your proposal (paper or session) to Michael J. Murray (mmurray@bemidjistate.edu) by November 19, 2016.

8) ICAPE before ASSA 2017

ASE is also organizing sessions at the ICAPE (International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics) conference in Chicago on January 5, 2017, just before the ASSA Annual Meetings. The conference will be held at Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL. While the program is almost complete, if you have any suggestions or questions, you can still send an email to Quentin Wodon (Log into your account to view the email address.). If you are coming for ASSA, consider coming a day earlier to participate in ICAPE (and vice versa).

OTHER NEWS

9) Bilbao Summer School
ASE’s 2016 summer school was organized by Helena Lopes and Irene van Staveren on June 21-22, 2016 at the University of the Basque Country in Bilbao. It was linked to the annual conference of the Economics Department, together with the University of Cambridge. Various ASE summer school participants and teachers therefore also were able to present their work at the conference. Irene held a keynote speech. We had 28 students and 7 teachers, and the sessions were appreciated by all participants. Congratulations to Helena and Irene for a job well done!

10) Please Renew Your Membership!

This is a reminder to please renew your membership in the Association for Social Economics for 2017 if you have not yet done so. If you are not yet a member, consider joining ASE. Your membership includes subscriptions to our two journals - the Review of Social Economy and the Forum for Social Economics. On-line links are provided to members to back issues of these journals and specific articles can be downloaded with no charge. If you present a paper at an ASE sessions at ASSA 2017, you need to be a member. Thank you!

Please send us your prose! If you google “Association for Social Economics Newsletter”, you may find a newsletter dating back to 1987. We revived the newsletter in the spring of 2013. If you would like to submit contents, please contact Quentin Wodon. The newsletter is published three to four times a year. Thank you.