

Special Session Economic Underpinnings of Social Innovation

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There has been a considerable increase in public interest in social innovation over the last year, which calls for conceptual reflection by economists, sociologists, political scientists and philosophers. This panel invites papers on the conceptual foundations of social innovation and its place and implication for the political economy of regions, nation states and supra-national entity such as the EU. We welcome papers that reflect on social innovation drawing on theories of power, of justice and of institutional change. How to think about social transformation and social innovation; and how about the "capture" of social innovation in political economy? How to think about alternative societal visions and the normative questions they raise in relation to social innovation? Empirical work is welcome as long as it addresses conceptual questions of the political economy of social innovation.

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