

Call for Papers 2017

The Association of Private Enterprise Education®
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Freedom of Movement: Immigration, Trade and Investment

The Association of Private Enterprise Education® (APEE) invites the submission of papers for its 42nd International Conference in Lahaina, Hawaii, April 9-12, 2017. The Association is composed of scholars from economics, philosophy, political science, and other disciplines, as well as policy analysts, business executives, and educators. APEE's annual meeting explores topics related to private enterprise in an atmosphere that respects market approaches. Presentations reflect the latest research in fields such as regulation, public choice, microeconomics, and Austrian economics, as well as development of innovative instructional techniques. The submission fee for the Association's journal, *The Journal of Private Enterprise*, is waived for papers presented at the conference.

APEE invites papers on any topic; some sessions, however, will be devoted to this year's theme: *Freedom of Movement: Immigration, Trade and Investment*. In his groundbreaking book *Liberalism* (1927), Ludwig von Mises wrote that "it belongs to the very essence of a society based on private ownership of the means of production that every man may work and dispose of his earnings where he thinks best." Under a system of free enterprise and free trade, capital and labor tend to move from areas where conditions are less favorable for production toward those where they are more favorable. As a result, productivity and wages increase, efficiency and competitiveness grow, goods and services become better and cheaper, and societies flourish.

Nevertheless, ignoring the views of Mises and others, the United States opted for a general policy of economic nationalism, embarking on a course that constrained the free movement of labor, trade, and capital. The Emergency Immigration Act of 1921, the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1923, the Immigration Act of 1924, the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930, and the Gold Reserve Act of 1934 contributed to two of the most harmful disasters of the twentieth century: the Great Depression and World War II.

Similarly, ever since the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 and the "Great Recession" of 2008, public discourse in the U.S. has yielded to a new wave of anti-free movement attitudes. As Mises explained back in 1927, crises, security, and national interests are always cited to justify capital controls, protective tariffs, and border restrictions. Thus, today's politicians have moved to increase regulations on the flow of money and the existence of so-called tax havens. New limitations on immigration and travel have been implemented and a wall has been promised at the border with Mexico. The growing competitiveness of China and other emerging economies has incentivized public policy makers to propose new trade barriers. These measures will only reduce

productivity and create bigger economic problems for all nations, including the U.S., where large segments of the population can expect to pay much more for goods and services imported from abroad or produced by low-wage immigrants. If the current trend is to be reversed, new free-market studies are urgently needed to highlight the disastrous consequences of attempts to control the free movement of people, their stuff, and their money.

Sessions, presentations, and papers on this theme might address regulation and regulatory capture, taxation, labor markets, competitiveness, the financial system, and monetary policy. The theme is at the intersection of economics, politics, history, ethics, and the law, and thus invites the interdisciplinary approaches that characterize APEE conferences. Additionally, papers on any topic related to private enterprise are welcome.

The deadline for paper submissions is December 1, 2016.

Those wishing to submit papers should submit the entire paper or a 600-word abstract. Papers and Abstracts should be submitted online at: <http://www.apee.org/conference>

Participants who experience difficulty with the online submission process may contact probasco@utc.edu or (423) 425-4118 for assistance.

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