

The Association of Private Enterprise Education® Conference
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***Government Impediments to Innovation, Creativity,
and Wealth Creation Around the World***

The Association of Private Enterprise Education® (APEE) invites the submission of papers for its 44th International Conference at Atlantis Paradise Island in Nassau, Bahamas, April 5-8, 2019. The Association is composed of scholars from economics, philosophy, political science, and other disciplines, as well as policy analysts, business executives, and other 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 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: *Government Impediments To Innovation, Creativity, and Wealth Creation Around the World*. Several decades ago, a professor of economics—who had recently returned from a couple of years of service as an economic advisor for a government agency in his nation's capital—wrote that, "...the tools of analysis we ... use are the simplest, most fundamental concepts of economic theory ... most of us learned as sophomores." The beginning student of economics learns that market-determined prices provide useful information to producers and consumers as ever-changing technologies alter information and transactions costs. Price changes guide the adjustment of resource utilization to the highest-valued uses and thereby raise average standards of living. Nevertheless, governments at all levels in all nations around the world distort market price-setting through subsidies, taxation, regulation, prohibitions, boycotts, tariff and non-tariff barriers, quotas, and occupational licensure. Decision makers—whether in the provision of tangible goods and services or financial services—must cope with the uncertainties created by their own and other governments everywhere. Governments impede the movement of goods, capital, and people, thwarting the economic incentives that naturally arise. The "sand-in-the-gears" caused by government intrusions in markets is a universal problem that stifles innovation and creativity, thus slowing wealth creation.

Sessions and papers on this theme might address both progress and back-sliding in nations around the globe—both large and small, both mostly private and mostly state-controlled—in areas of tariffs, quotas, taxation, regulation and regulatory capture, labor markets, the financial system and monetary affairs. This year's theme is at the intersection of economics, politics, history, ethics and the law. Accordingly, the theme invites the interdisciplinary approach characterizing APEE conferences. Additionally, papers on any topic in the broad area of private enterprise are welcomed.

The deadline for paper submissions is December 1, 2018.

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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