

**The 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
The Association of Private Enterprise Education®  
JW Mariott Cancún Resort & Spa  
Cancún, Mexico  
April 16-18, 2023**

***THE PEACE PROCESS: LIBERTY, POLYCENTRICITY, EXCHANGE, AND CREATIVITY***

The Association of Private Enterprise Education® (APEE) invites paper submissions and session proposals for its 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting, which will take place at JW Mariott Cancún Resort & Spa in Cancún, Mexico, April 16-18, 2023 (Sunday through Tuesday).

The Association is composed of scholars pursuing research in economics and other academic disciplines, as well as policy analysts and professional educators. The APEE Meeting explores topics related to the private enterprise system with research presentations and panel discussions focused on fields including, but not limited to, applied microeconomics, Austrian economics, public choice, new institutional economics, and political economy, as well as economic education and instructional techniques. The submission fee for the Association's journal, *The Journal of Private Enterprise*, is waived for papers presented at the APEE Meeting.

APEE welcomes paper submissions and session proposals related to the theme of the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

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As the world seems determined to continue and even escalate international conflict, it is time for our community of classical liberal scholars to focus on paths towards peace. Peace is never stable, but the result of an ongoing emergent process arising from human choice. An effective peace process is shaped by liberty, polycentricity, free-market exchange, and entrepreneurial creativity. Liberty promotes human agency, which gives peace its value. Polycentricity helps to avoid the tyranny of Leviathan. With free markets, one realizes the dividends of peace. Through creativity, one can imagine worlds not yet realized and inspire novel approaches to a continuing peace process. At the same time, stable peace is inconsistent with coercive government interventions, including liberal imperialism. The APEE 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting provides an opportunity to reflect on the political economy of contemporary international conflict, and to discuss classical liberal perspectives on paths towards a stable peace.

Paper submissions and session proposals on this theme can address:

- Empirical studies investigating the relationship between economic freedom and peace or war.
- Case studies illustrating the peace process and the dynamics of maintaining a stable peace.
- The Scottish Enlightenment and perspectives on peace.
- Experimental studies examining the role of creativity and discovery in the peace process.
- Comparative empirical or conceptual studies of monocentrality, polycentricity or decentralization and the peace process.
- Pedagogical approaches to teaching about policing, security, defense and the role (if any) of centralization in providing these (public) goods.
- Austrian perspectives on connections between the market process and the peace process.
- Futurist conceptions of the positive or negative roles of new technologies (e.g., blockchain and DeFi) on the peace process.
- Analytic narratives examining imperialism and its impact on the peace process.
- Surveys of key scholars and key results in the literature on non-violence and its role in stable peace.

Accordingly, the theme invites the interdisciplinary approach that characterizes the APEE Meeting. APEE also welcomes papers on any topic in the broad area of private enterprise.

Individuals wishing to submit a session proposal(s) should submit the proposal(s) to the attention of APEE Vice President and 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting Program Chair, **Daniel Houser**, at [apee2023@gmail.com](mailto:apee2023@gmail.com).

**The deadline for abstract submissions and session proposals is Thursday, December 1, 2022.**

Interested individuals, who experience difficulty with the online submission process or are seeking more information about the 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting, may contact the office of APEE Secretary/Treasurer, Benjamin Powell, at [apee@ttu.edu](mailto:apee@ttu.edu) or (806) 742-7138 for assistance. To learn more about APEE, please visit [www.apee.org](http://www.apee.org).