

The Association of Private Enterprise Education®
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April 7-9, 2024

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF MONEY AND FINANCE

The Association of Private Enterprise Education® (APEE) invites paper submissions and session proposals for its 48th Meeting, which will take place at the Horseshoe Las Vegas in Las Vegas, NV on April 7-9, 2024 (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 all members and for papers presented at the meeting.

APEE welcomes paper submissions and session proposals related to the theme of the 48th Meeting:

THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF MONEY AND FINANCE

Market economies cannot function without money—and cannot function well without sound financial institutions. Money makes exchange possible when barter is cumbersome and credible commitments are costly. Sound financial institutions channel savings into valuable investment projects, enabling people to produce more together than they could on their own. Correspondingly, the mismanagement of money makes economic calculation difficult and frustrates plans, while financial repression drives a wedge between savers and borrowers. And, yet, money is often mismanaged and financial markets are routinely repressed. Why has inflation remained so high in countries like Argentina, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe? Why has inflation resurged in the United States? Why has China directed so much credit toward unproductive projects? Why are regulators around the world cracking down on cryptocurrencies and decentralized finance? The 48th APEE meeting provides an opportunity to consider the political economy of money and finance and discuss strategies to promote sound monetary policy, effective financial regulation, and welfare-improving financial innovation.

Paper submissions and session proposals on this theme can address:

- Theoretical studies on currency acceptance, the politics of inflationary finance, or the role of the entrepreneur in financial innovation.
- Empirical studies on the costs of inflation, the benefits of financial depth, or the relationship between financial institutions and economic freedom.
- Case studies on cryptocurrencies, non-fungible tokens, or decentralized finance applications.
- Policy analyses related to the Federal Reserve's framework review, state-level restrictions on factors fiduciaries can consider in investment decisions, or dollarization in high-inflation countries.
- Comparative institutional analyses of monetary reforms.
- Experimental studies examining the prospects of currency substitution or the relationship between inflation and economic calculation.
- Pedagogical approaches to teaching money and finance.
- Surveys of key scholars or key results in the literature on the political economy of money and finance.

Authors of paper proposals addressing the conference theme will be invited to submit their manuscripts for consideration of publication in a special issue or symposium of *The Journal of Private Enterprise* following the 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 48th Meeting Program Chair, **William Luther**, at apee2024@gmail.com.

The deadline for abstract submissions and session proposals is Friday, December 1, 2023.

Individuals seeking more information about the APEE 48th Meeting may contact the office of Secretary/Treasurer, Benjamin Powell, at apee@ttu.edu or (806) 742-7138 for assistance. To learn more about APEE, please visit <https://www.apee.org/>.