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NEXT GENERATION SOCIALISM: WHERE ARE WE HEADING?

The Association of Private Enterprise Education® (APEE) invites the submission of papers for its 45th International Conference at Caesars Palace Las Vegas in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 3–6, 2020.

The Association is composed of scholars from economics, philosophy, political science, and other disciplines, as well as policy analysts, business executives, and other educators. Each year, the APEE International Conference 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 International Conference.

APEE invites papers on any topic; some sessions, however, will be devoted to this year’s theme: ***Next Generation Socialism: Where Are We Heading?*** Recent polls suggest increasing support for socialism, both in the U.S. and elsewhere around the world. This conference seeks to understand why so many are attracted to socialism and what this portends for the future. If, as many believe, the case for socialism has been refuted, why are so many today attracted to it? Have socialism’s opponents failed to make their case? Or have they missed something—and, if so, what exactly have they missed? Is the new generation of socialists providing fresh, possibly previously unnoticed, insights into twenty-first century socialist political economy? Or are they putting old (spoiled?) wine into new bottles?

Sessions and papers on this theme might address:

- Why are so many, including perhaps Millennials in particular, attracted to socialism?
- What do people understand by “socialism” and/or “democratic socialism”?
- Does socialism have failings—economic or moral—that its supporters do not appreciate?
- How should economics be taught, and how should the discipline’s insights and findings be publicized?
- Is there a “third way” between socialism and capitalism? If so, is it more attractive?
- Is inequality, as President Obama said in 2013, “the defining challenge of our time”?
- Which moral value is more important—liberty or equality?
- President Obama said in 2011, “‘The free market will take care of everything,’ they tell us. [...] But here’s the problem: it doesn’t work.” Have market economies been tried—and failed?

Accordingly, the theme invites the interdisciplinary approach the characterizing APEE International Conference. Additionally, papers on any topic in the broad area of private enterprise are welcomed.

The deadline for paper submissions is December 1, 2019.

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 the APEE Secretary/Treasurer at apee@ttu.edu or (806) 742–7138 for assistance.

If you have questions about paper topics or session panels, please contact James R. Otteson at apee2020@wfu.edu. To learn more about APEE, please contact Benjamin Powell, APEE Secretary/Treasurer, at apee@ttu.edu, or visit APEE’s website at <http://www.apee.org>.