

Call for Abstracts

Topic: “Exploring New Directions in Ordoliberalism and Constitutional Political Economy”

2nd Workshop “Ordoliberalism: The Next Generation”

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In light of the current debate about ordoliberalism’s role in European economic policy, the question has been raised whether this research program and political philosophy, inherited in its essence from the 1940s, may indeed resume its scholarly and politically influential role again in the future.

When answering this question in the affirmative, one needs to sketch how the future of ordoliberalism as a research program might look like. This gives rise to further questions: How can its core ideas be linked to modern economic thinking or to concepts from neighboring disciplines, such as politics, philosophy, and law? What are the roles of formal-theoretical, empirical, and institutional approaches in modern ordoliberalism? What will be the relative importance of normative versus positive analysis?

While it may be true that ordoliberal ideas are nowadays often discussed implicitly under different names in different disciplines, there seems to be only a small number of young scholars who are committed to an explicit continuation and renewal of ordoliberal thinking.

Yet, for ordoliberalism to remain a vital research program, a successful transition is needed from the already established to a new generation of young scholars whose ideas and contributions will influence academic discourse in the years to come.

We believe that bringing together young and established scholars with an interest in ordoliberal thinking might be a fruitful way of reinvigorating ordoliberalism as a research program. Therefore, we invite young scholars working on ordoliberalism (or related ideas) to present their ideas at a workshop in Freiburg, Germany, center of ordoliberalism and home of the Freiburg School. Each presenter will be matched with an established scholar as a commentator, outlining links and differences to existing scholarship.

In addition to those who already consider themselves ordoliberals, we explicitly welcome young scholars from the 'philosophy, politics, and economics' (PPE) and the law communities who may not consider themselves ordoliberals proper, but use closely related ideas and concepts in their fields of research. As one important part of our workshop, we would like to focus also on constitutional political economy, that is, constitutional analysis from a mainly economic perspective and its links with ordoliberalism.

Submission

Please submit the abstract (200-300 words) of your paper by email (pdf attachment) to ordo2024@econ.uni-freiburg.de until **March 31, 2024**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by April 15, 2024.