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# **Program**

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Sunday, July 10

**4:00**

**Welcome to the Eighth Summer Institute**  
*Home of Matt Zook, 442 Fayette Park, Lexington*  
*(See map in welcome packet)*

Jamie Peck

Matt Zook

All Participants

**4:30**

**Dinner**  
*Matt's home*

Monday, July 11

**8:30**                    **Breakfast** (including coffee) available every day in lobby area, 18<sup>th</sup> floor Patterson Office Tower (POT); see map in welcome packet

**9:00**                    **1. Summer Institute goals and introductions**

Jamie Peck                    Andrew Wood

**Questions and taking points for session 1 include:**

1. What am I doing here?
2. What's this meeting really about?
3. Is it OK if I feel ambivalent about economic geography?

**9:30**                    **2. Why do it? What is economic geography for?**

Chair:                            Jamie Peck  
Panelists:                      Gavin Bridge  
                                        Sarah Ruth Sippel  
                                        Chloe Fox  
                                        Xu Zhang  
                                        Frank van der Wouden

**Questions and talking points for session 2 include:**

1. Does economic geography possess a shared viewpoint, a set of core concerns, a (focal) point, or a guiding "project?" Did it? Should it?
2. What does economic geography's propensity for "turning" (e.g. the cultural, institutional, relational turns) say about the field?
3. What does/did/might economic geography "stand for," normatively and/or theoretically?

**11:00**                    **Break**

**11:15**                    **3. Just do it. Diverse methods in economic geography**

Chair:                            Andrew Wood  
Panelists:                      Dylan Connor  
                                        Martin Danyluk  
                                        Carlo Ferri  
                                        Yue Wang  
                                        Beverley Mullings

**Questions and talking points for session 3 include:**

1. How is economic geography typically practiced in methodological terms? What islands of practice can be identified?
2. What can be said about the range and depth of methodological commitments in the field? How has this changed over time?
3. To what extent is there methodological transparency in economic geography?
4. Can there be mutual respect between qualitative and quantitative approaches?

**12:30**                      **Lunch**

**1:30**                      **4. Beverley Mullings plenary**  
Reconstructing a global middle class in late neoliberal times: A place for economic geography?

Chair/Discussant:              Sophie Cranston

**3:00**                      **Break**

**3:30**                      **5. Beyond the academy: Policy, practice and activism**

Chair:                              Jamie Peck  
Panelists:                        Jeff Carey  
    Yui Hashimoto  
    Tara Cookson  
    Andrew Wood  
    Michael Samers

**Questions and talking points for session 5 include:**

1. Which part of economic geography are more/less politicized (and how), or politically engaged? Why?
2. What does it mean for economic geography to aspire to “relevance?”
3. Public economic geographies- What strategies, pitfalls, role models?
4. Does/should economic geography have a normative project?

**6:30**                      **Dinner**  
*West Sixth Brewery, 510 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lexington*

Tuesday, July 12

**9:00**                      **6. Gavin Bridge plenary**  
The philosopher's stone: or, the wizardry of extractive industries and the alchemy of capital nature  
  
Chair/Discussant:              Rosemary-Claire Collard

**10:30**                      **Break**

**10:45**                      **7. The matter of nature**  
  
Chair:                              Gavin Bridge  
  
Panelists:                        I-Chun Catherine Chang  
   Tyler Harlan  
   Erika Machacek  
   Fabian Faller  
   Mangasini Katundu  
   Sebastian Rioux

**Questions and talking points for session 7 include:**

1. Which new approaches are being developed to address the nature/economy nexus?
2. What roles might economic/human geographers play in collaborative research with physical geographers and natural scientists?
3. What is distinctive about economic geographers' approaches to environmental questions?
4. How has the relationship between political ecology and economic geography evolved?

**11:45**                      **Half day field trip: New/old agrarian clusters**  
*Box lunch on bus*  
  
Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery (Rich Schein)  
  
Darby Dan Horse Farm (Sue Roberts)

**6:00**                      **Dinner**  
*Home of Sue Roberts & Rich Schein*  
*124 South Gratz Street, Midway*

**8/8:30**                      **Bus returns to Lexington**

Wednesday, July 13

**9:00**

**8. (re)Making markets**

Chair: Matt Zook  
Panelists: Kenneth Cardenas  
Kelly Kay  
Felix Muller  
Dan Cohen  
Sue Roberts

**Questions and talking points for session 8 include:**

1. What makes markets work?
2. Who constructs markets, and why?
3. Does the geography of markets matter?
4. What alternatives are there to the orthodox conception of “universal” markets? What (theoretical) traction and (methodological) purchase do these have?
5. How should we theorize and study different kinds of markets?

**10:30**

**Break**

**11:00**

**9. Making a living in/near/from economic geography**

Chair: Andrew Wood  
Panelists: Ryan Burns  
Tu Lan  
Angieszka Leszczynski  
Jayme Walenta

**Questions and talking points for session 9 include:**

1. Why do a postdoc? (And where to find one)
2. Getting to, and then through, an academic “job talk”
3. Economic geographers in the wild: careers on the “outside”
4. Surviving the tenure track
5. Life/work balance, and other feats

**12:30**

**Lunch**

**1:30**

**10. Jane Pollard plenary**

Finance beyond elites: Islamic charitable infrastructure and giving in London

Chair/discussant: Emily Rosenman

**3:00**

**Break**

**3:30**

**11. Follow the money: financial geographies**

Chair: Jane Pollard  
Panelists: Amy Horton  
Jessa Loomis  
Michael Samers  
Graham Thrower

**Questions and talking points for session 11 include:**

1. What might make the economic geography of finance distinctive from the study of finance in general?
2. Should concepts like financialization only be handled (with care) by “finance geographers?”
3. How are finance and economic inequality related?
4. What is distinctive about economic geographers’ responses to the global financial crisis?

Thursday, July 14

**9:00**                    **12. Neil Coe plenary**  
From GPN 1.0 to GPN 2.0: Reflecting on an academic journey  
  
Chair/discussant:            Shamel Azmeh

**10:30**                    **Break**

**10:45**                    **13. Teaching strategies for economic geography**  
  
Chair:                            Sue Roberts  
Panelists:                      All participants

**Questions and talking points for session 13 include:**

1. What makes a great economic geography class?
2. Economic geography 101: are there (still) “foundational” concepts, frameworks, and approaches? What has to be covered in weeks 1-4?
3. What are the strengths and limitations of economic geography textbooks?
4. (How) can I teach through case studies? Or should it be concepts, key texts, controversies...?
5. All participants: please bring along an example of an economic geography syllabus (a “model” one if you can find one), to discuss in this session)

**12:00**                    **Half day field trip: Japanese manufacturing in the Bluegrass**  
*Box lunch on bus*  
  
Toyota Assembly Plant, Georgetown (Michael Samers)

**6:00**                    **Dinner**  
  
*Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill*

**9/9:30**                    **Bus returns to Lexington**

Friday, July 15

**9:00**

**14. Rethinking labor**

Chair: Beverley Mullings  
Panelists: Megan Brown  
Daniel Cockayne  
Caitlin Henry  
Michael Samers  
Spencer Cox

**Questions and talking points for session 14 include:**

1. Capital's 'spatial fix' or labor's 'spatial fix': what is achieved/obscured in making these distinctions?
2. What counts as labor, and what doesn't?
3. 'This time it's different'? How is technological innovation reshaping work and the fortunes of workers?
4. Has labor geography run out of steam? (If so) what next?

**10:30**

**Break**

**11:00**

**15. Reflections on Doreen Massey's life and work**

Chair: Jamie Peck  
Panelists: Sue Roberts  
Neil Coe  
Michael Samers  
Jane Pollard

**Questions and talking points for session 15 include:**

1. "When I first read Doreen Massey ..."
2. What is the enduring legacy of the concept of the spatial division of labor?
3. How did the dialogue between feminism and political economy develop through Massey's work?
4. What was Massey's impact as a "public" economic geographer?
5. What lessons from Massey's work in Latin America
6. What is Massey's impact on epistemologies, imaginaries, and modes of engagement in economic geography?

**12:30**

**Lunch**

**1:30**

**16. Getting out there: doing (and funding) fieldwork/research**

Chair: Beverley Mullings  
Panelists: Alex Sphar  
Siyu Cai  
Jannes Tessmann  
Jennifer Tucker

**Questions and talking points for session 16 include:**

1. What makes for a "good" (and/or fundable) research proposal?
2. How can I obtain support for my research from research councils/ foundations/international agencies?
3. The pleasure and pain of research collaboration
4. What's in a research program? Should I be following the field, or cutting my own path? How do I decide what to do next?



**3:00**                      **Break**

**3:30**                      **17. Making your work known: publishing and discoverability**

Chair:                      Matt Zook  
Panelists:                Jamie Peck  
                                 Andrew Wood  
                                 Michael Samers  
                                 Sue Roberts

**Questions and talking points for session 17 include:**

1.    What can we learn from the best writing/writers in the field of economic geography?
2.    Should I turn my dissertation into a book?
3.    Where should I submit my 25,000 word manuscript?
4.    What do publishers, editors, and reviewers really want?
5.    Why do journal referees seem to be so rude (to me)?

**6:00**                      **Farewell Dinner**  
*Boone Center*  
*500 Rose Street, Lexington*

**OVERVIEW OF SCHEDULE**

	11 MON	12 TUE	13 WED	14 THU	15 FRI
8:30 - 9:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30	SIEG Goals; Why do it? What is economic geography for?	Bridge Keynote	(re)Making Markets	Coe Keynote	Rethinking Labor
10:30 - 11:00	break (11-11:15)	break	break	break	break
11:00 - 12:30	Just do it? Diverse methods in economic geography (11:15-12:30)	The Matter of Nature (10:45-11:45)	Making a living in/near/from economic geography	Teaching strategies for economic geography	Reflecting on the Impact of Doreen Massey
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch	Box lunch (11:45)	Lunch	Box lunch (12 noon)	Lunch
1:30 - 3:00	Mullings Keynote	Buffalo Trace Bourbon Distillery	Pollard Keynote	Toyota Plant	Getting out there: Funding and doing fieldwork/research
3:00 - 3:30	break		break		break
3:30 - 5:00	Beyond the Academy: Policy, Practice and Activism	Darby Dan Horse Farm	Follow the money: financial geographies	Shaker Village	Making your work known: publishing and discoverability
Dinner	West 6th	Sue Roberts' home	Free night	Shaker Village	Boone Center

**Legend**

Topical Session	Keynote	Fieldtrip	Practical	Food
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