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Programme

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7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MADRID CONFERENCE ON  
AUSTRIAN ECONOMICS

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*October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

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**Conference venue**

Universidad Rey Juan Carlos  
Paseo de los Artilleros s/n  
28032 Vicálvaro, Madrid  
Building and room: Edificio Departamental, Salón de Grados  
Subway station „Vicalvaro“, Line 9  
Schedule times correspond to Madrid time (CET)

**Scientific Committee**

Prof. Dr. Miguel Ángel Alonso, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos  
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Degussa Metales Preciosos for the evening reception.

*Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

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**11:00 - 12:00**  
*Special Academic Act*  
*Salón de Grados*

ACTUS ACADEMICUS

Presentation of the Festschrift in honour of

**PROFESSOR JESÚS HUERTA DE SOTO**

**The Emergence of a Tradition:  
Essays in Honor of Jesús Huerta de Soto**

(Palgrave Macmillan, 2023)

**Opening remarks**

**His Excellency, Mr. Javier Ramos López**

Rector Magnificus of the King Juan Carlos University

**Presentation of the Festschrift**

**Prof. Philipp Bagus**

King Juan Carlos University

**Prof. David Howden**

Saint Louis University Madrid

**Guest speakers**

**Prof. Mark Skousen**

Chapman University (United States)

**Prof. Guido Hülsmann**

University of Angers (France)

**Dr. Romain Baeriswyl**

Swiss National Bank

**Prof. Leef H. Dierks**

University of Lübeck (Germany)

**Remarks from King Juan Carlos University representatives**

**Prof. Jorge Sainz González**

Director of the Department of Applied Economics I and Economic History and Institutions

**Prof. Miguel Cuerdo Mir**

Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business Sciences

**Closing remarks**

**His Excellency, Mr. Javier Ramos López**

Rector Magnificus of the King Juan Carlos University

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University Anthem *Gaudeamus Igitur*

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**13:00 - 13:20**

*Tour at the University Campus*

Tour guided by Prof. Dr. Jesús Huerta de Soto

Meeting point at the Salón de Grados

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**13:30**

*Opening Remarks*

Prof. Dr. Jesús Huerta de Soto, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

Prof. Dr. Leef H. Dierks, Lübeck University of Applied Sciences

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**13:30 - 14:30**

*Session 1: Money*

*Salón de Grados*

*Chair: Leef H. Dierks*

**Why gold is the better money**

Diego Giacomini, Universidad de Buenos Aires

**A Systematic Foundation for Monetary Sociology**

Manuel García, George Mason University

**Central Bank Digital Currency and Gresham's Law: An Experimental Analysis**

Romain Baeriswyl, Swiss National Bank

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**14:30 - 15:30**

*Session 2: Inflation*

*Salón de Grados*

*Chair: Leef H. Dierks*

**Interest rate and changes in general level of prices**

Wojciech Piętak, Warsaw School of Economics / Sorbonne

**Fiat Money et pereat mundus: Reflections on the 100th anniversary of the Weimar hyperinflation**

Bernardo Ferrero, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

**Venezuela's hyperinflation in the light of the Austrian school of economics**

Williams Ruiz, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

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**15:30 - 16:15**

*Coffee Break*

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**16:15 - 17:15**

*Session 3A: Interest Rate*

*Salón de Grados*

*Chair: David Howden*

**Time and time preference**

Ricardo Romero García, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

**Extracting Price Signals from the Term Structure of Commodity and Credit Markets using Austrian Business Cycle Theory**

Philipp Deussen, The Cobden Centre

Max Rangeley, The Cobden Centre

**The distorted investment decision-making of corporate zombification**

Amadeus Gabriel

Gabriel A. Giménez Roche

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**16:15 - 17:15**

*Session 3B: Entrepreneurship*

*Room 259*

*Chair: Philipp Bagus*

**A logic of entrepreneurial action without judgment? Effectuation revisited**

David Rapp, Institut Supérieur de Gestion (ISG Business School)

Michael Olbrich, Saarland University

**Troeltsch, Weber and the entrepreneur: From Theology to Economics**

Alfonso Díaz Vera, Universidad Francisco de Vitoria

**Can the mission economy deliver when markets failures cannot be fixed?**

Johan Albrecht

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**17:15 - 18:15**

*Session 4A: Capital Theory*

*Salón de Grados*

*Chair: Antonio Martínez*

**Reallocation of capital goods over the business cycle**

Olga Peniaz, Université Catholique de l'Ouest, Angers

**Austrian Capital Theory in the Neoclassical Veil**

Pavel Potuzak, University of Economics Prague

**Austrian Economics and Agent-Based Modeling**

Christian Schneider, Universidad Europea de Madrid

Asaf Levi Alfaroviz

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**17:15 - 18:15**

*Session 4B: IT and Economics*

*Room 259*

*Chair: Romain Baeriswyl*

**Artificial intelligence as a transforming phenomenon of economic and productive means and resources and of human condition and action**

Antonio Martínez Gonzalez

**Why Machines Will Not Replace Entrepreneurs. On the Inevitable Limitations of Artificial Intelligence in Economic Life**

Ludwig Van Den Hauwe

**The political economy of complexity: The case of cyber-communism**

William Hongsong Wang, Universidad Europea de Madrid

**18:30 - 19:30**

*Keynote Lecture*

*Salón de Grados*

**A few autobiographical notes**

Prof. Dr. Jesús Huerta de Soto, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

**21:00 - 23:00**

*Conference Dinner*

El Barril de las Cortes, Carrera de San Jerónimo 17, 28014 Madrid  
Subway station „Sevilla“ on line 2

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9:30 - 10:30

*Session 5: Property Rights*

*Salón de Grados*

*Chair: Romain Baeriswyl*

**Property rights and financial stability from the perspective of the Austrian school**

Przemysław Rapka

**Socialism - A Property or Aggression Problem?**

Dawid Megger, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun

Marcos Benjamín Gonzalo

**Labor or Possession? On the Problem of the Libertarian Basis of Property Rights**

Patryk Trzcionka

10:30 - 11:00

*Coffee Break*

11:00 - 12:00

*Session 6A: Free Exchanges*

*Salón de Grados*

*Chair: Jesús Huerta de Soto*

**Individual Liberty versus social efficiency: Negative externalities of antropogenic global warming and air pollution**

Patrick Reimers

**Unproductive exchanges vis-à-vis fraudulent ones: Why the Nozickian account of unproductivity does not make fully adequate predictions with respect to blackmail.**

Igor Wysocki, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun

**Libertarianism, the Paradox of Blackmail and Its Pro Tanto Solution**

Lukasz Dominiak, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun

11:00 - 12:00

*Session 6B: Interventionism*

*Room 259*

*Chair: Miguel Ángel Alonso*

**Dismantling public policies in the housing sector in Spain in the 21st century: A perspective of fiscal support's negative externalities**

Esmeralda Gómez López, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

**Wasteful government spending and market distortion: an empirical account of modern interventionism's unintended consequences**

Erick Behar-Villegas, Berlin International University of Applied Sciences

**Where Mrs. von der Leyen is wrong (like any other bureaucrat)**

Jorge Bueso Merino, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

12:15 - 13:15

*Guest Lecture*

*Salón de Grados*

**GO Beyond GDP: Update on Gross Output, the Top Line in National Income Accounting and the Missing Piece in the Macroeconomic Puzzle**

Prof. Mark Skousen, Chapman University

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13:15 - 14:15

*Lunch*

14:15 - 15:15

*Session 7A: Public Goods*

*Salón de Grados*

*Chair: Antonio Martínez*

**National Defense as a Private Good: Freedom as a Positive Externality:  
A Reply to Newhard**

Youliiy Ninov, Independent Scholar

**Would private defence agencies form a cartel in an anarcho-capitalist  
order?**

Stanisław Wójtowicz

**The Disastrous Consequences of the Neoclassical „Theory of Natural  
Monopoly“ for Developing Countries**

Christoph Klein

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14:15 - 15:15

*Session 7B: Interventionism II*

*Room 259*

*Chair: David Howden*

**Francoist autarky (1939-1959) through the Rothbardian theory of  
calculation and intervention**

Adrián González Fuentes

**An ethical and economic critique of insider trading regulation**

Yago Mateos Vela

**A free market for energy**

Joaquín Pérez Cano, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

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15:15 - 16:15

*Session 8: Austrian School*

*Salón de Grados*

*Chair: Philipp Bagus*

**The Class Structure of a Commercial Society based on Mengerian  
Economic Theory**

András Tóth, Carl Menger Center, Budapest

**A Defense of Austrian Welfare Economics**

Karl-Friedrich Israel, Université Catholique de l'Ouest, Angers

Tate Fegley, Université Catholique de l'Ouest, Angers

**The Greatest Economist Who Ever Lived**

Mark Skousen, Chapman University

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**16:30 - 17:15**

*Session 9: Special Session on the  
25th Anniversary of „Money,  
Bank Credit and Economic Cycles“*

*Salón de Grados*

*Chair: Leef H. Dierks*

**A Model of Scholarship**

Guido Hülsmann, University of Angers

**Money, Bank Credit and Economic Cycles after 25 years -  
an inspiration**

Philipp Bagus, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos  
David Howden, Saint Louis University Madrid

**The place of Money, Bank Credit and Economic Cycles in the Austrian  
tradition of Economic Treaties**

Óscar Rodríguez Carreiro

**The future of the monetary system: Do Austrian economists reach a  
consensus?**

Romain Baeriswyl, Swiss National Bank

**17:15 - 17:30**

*Mises-Hayek-Rothbard Prize  
Ceremony and Concluding Remarks*

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congratulates the three prize winners.

**18:00 - 20:00**

*Aperitif at  
Degussa Metales Preciosos*

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Subway station „Ppe. de Vergara“, Line 9 or „Retiro“, Line 2

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