

# 6TH PLURALUMN\* WORKSHOP

# EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS

**August 27 - 29, 2025**  
**Hamburg, Germany**

# Welcome

## Dear Participants,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 6th Pluralumn\* Workshop, hosted jointly by the University of Hamburg and the Europa-Universität Flensburg. We are proud that this workshop once again showcases a wealth of brilliant research by young scholars from around the world.

We are particularly excited about a keynote address from Professor Svenja Flechtner, our beloved Idea Consolidation Café as well as an exciting roundtable discussion featuring Tanja Chawla (DGB Hamburg), Professor Arne Heise (University of Hamburg), Lia Polotzek (Norbert-Elias-Center, Europa-Universität Flensburg) and Dr. Ursula Weidenfeld (Journalist, e.g. Handelsblatt and Spiegel). We extend our gratitude to all the presenters, attendees, and supporters who make this workshop possible.

Special thanks go to the hosting institutions for their hospitality, logistic, and financial support. We thank the Young Scholars Initiative and the Netzwerk Plurale Ökonomik for their generous support.



We gather at a time of troubling developments across the globe. From rising authoritarianism to deepening inequalities, from climate crises to social fragmentation, it becomes increasingly difficult to keep pace with the alarming political news that reaches us daily. While economics may not always appear at the heart of these challenges, it is hard to deny the profound impact that uniform economic thinking has had in shaping many of these developments.

Our mission is to develop an economics that is genuinely relevant for solving the problems of the twenty-first century, not perpetuating them. We envision an economics that acknowledges the multifaceted nature of today's interconnected crises and strive for an approach that is both progressive and uncompromisingly antifascist, while maintaining the highest academic standards and addressing the most pressing research questions of our time. This ambitious undertaking requires more than individual effort. Progress in this uphill battle demands that we build a strong, supportive community of scholars who are committed to constructive dialogue. We must be willing to challenge each other respectfully, to illuminate our collective blind spots, and to collaborate in bringing forth innovative research that can truly make a difference.

We look forward to the inspiring dialogues and innovative ideas that will emerge from this year's workshop. Let us make the most of this opportunity to learn from each other and work together towards addressing the pressing challenges of our time.

Warm regards,

**The Organizing Committee of the 6th Pluralumn\* Workshop**



# Program

Wednesday , August 27

Time		ESA Ost - Room 221	ESA Ost - Room 222
13:00	14:00	Arrival	---
14:15	14:30	Welcome	---
14:30	16:00	Session 1a	Session 1b
		Social housing and housing cost development: An analysis of the Viennese rental housing market ( <b>F. Baumgartinger</b> )	When Hunger Paints the Soul Like Slowly Killing Poisons: The Urgency of Innovative Ideas ( <b>E. Exime</b> )
		Ties that matter: Role of networks in women's entry, mobility and diversification in specific occupations in Kolkata, India ( <b>S. Guha</b> ) - Online	Structural Transformation and Decline in Caste Based Frictions in India ( <b>K. Mathur</b> ) - Online
		„I don't see anything positive or neutral in it“ - Adolescents' Lived Experiences, Perceptions and Understandings of Inequality ( <b>M. L. Hartmann</b> )	Stratified Belonging: Pluralist Economics and Consumption Practices of International Students in Budapest ( <b>M. Moqaddam</b> ) - Online
16:00	16:30	Coffee	---
16:30	17:45	Roundtable Discussion (Will be held in German)	---
		Moderation: Rouven Reinke (University of Hamburg)	
		Panelists: Professor Arne Heise (University of Hamburg) Tanja Chawla (DGB Hamburg) Lia Polotzek (Norbert-Elias-Center, Europa-Universität Flensburg) Dr. Ursula Weidenfeld (Journalist)	
17:30	18:00	Break	---
18:00	20:00	Informal Dinner Schlüters – Pizza & More University Campus Von-Melle-Park 2 20146 Hamburg	

Thursday, August 28

Time		ESA Ost - Room 221	ESA Ost - Room 222	ESA Ost - Room 123
09:00	10:30	Session 2a	Session 2b	---
		Bubbles, extrapolation and growth ( <b>A. Janischewski</b> )	Macroeconomic and Sectoral Impacts of the Transition to a Green Economy ( <b>J. Lukasz</b> )	
		Illuminating the shadows - a theoretical SFC model about the interplay of central bank crises policy, shadow banking and the repo market ( <b>F. Tschesche</b> )	Economic Insecurity and Environmental Concern in Europe ( <b>K. Lais</b> )	
		Seller's Inflation, Price Dispersion and Substitutability: Schumpeter meets Lerner ( <b>M. Memmen</b> )	Inflation Potential of the EU Emission Trading System in Poland ( <b>S. Schnirzer</b> )	
10:30	11:00	Coffee	---	---
11:00	12:30	Session 3a	Session 3b	Session 3c
		Keynes' Interaction with the 18th century ( <b>L. Ritterbach</b> )	Women's Empowerment and Son Preference in India ( <b>A. Senapati</b> ) - Online	Currencies of Inequality: Dynamics of Survival and Exclusion in Cuba ( <b>V. Auer</b> ) - Online
		Buddhist Economics and the 'Relational Other-cherishing' Self ( <b>K. Bhansali</b> )	LGBTQ Community Inclusion and Economic Development in Sub-Sahara Africa ( <b>N. Ngunjiri</b> ) - Online	The Social Drama in Intercultural Economics ( <b>L.S. dos Santos</b> ) - Online
		It's the values, stupid! How non-epistemic value judgements drive the methodological divide in the economic analysis of the climate ( <b>K. Brüggemann &amp; A.-K. Kothe</b> )	The Dialectics of the All-encompassing Economic Edge: Weaponized Imperialism, Rampant Inequality, Commodification of Life, and Market Regulation as a Criterion for Identifying an Economic Edge ( <b>M. Owens</b> )	India's Informal Sector: A Learned Helplessness Perspective ( <b>A. Dwivedi</b> ) - Online
12:30	14:00	Lunch	---	---
14:15	15:45	Idea Consolidation (a)	Idea Consolidation (b)	---
16:00	16:30	Coffee	---	
16:30	17:45	Keynote: Professor Svenja Flechtner	---	
17:45	18:30	Break	---	
18:30		Conference Dinner Panjaab Restaurant Grindelhof 39, Hamburg		



# Program Hamburg

Friday, August 29

Time		ESA Ost - Room 221	ESA Ost - Room 222
09:00	10:30	Session 4a Beyond Markets and Metrics: Rethinking Economic Well-Being Through Indigenous African Moral Economies (I. O. Onuche) – Online The Power of Place: Do Local Policies Accelerate Solar PV Adoption in Germany (S. Bolz) The Price of Trust in European Sovereign Debt Markets (L. Kokol)	Session 4b How Markets Compute. The Algorithmic Nature of Markets (J. Ö. Lenglachner) Humanomics? Outline of a Theory of both Institutions and Human Action (S. Zachrau) The Formation and Evolution of State Capitalism: A Comperative Analysis of 20st Century Case Studies (M. Choi)
10:30	11:00	Coffee	---
11:00	12:30	Session 5a Networks of Tunnels: Localised Perceptions and Tolerance of Inequality (H. E. Olbrich) Taxation, Growth and Mobility in Multiplicative Growth Regimes (J. Schulz) Homeownership and Wealth Inequality in Europe (J. Lehner)	Session 5b The relationship between natural resources rents and development: VAR evidence in the Philippines (B. Halili) - Online Manpower, Money and Municipalities - A Bayesian Analysis of the Determinants of Local Public Investments in North Rhine-Westfalia (I. Wappelhorst) Does Social Captial Strengthen Household Resilience in Cambodia? Evidence from Panel Data (K. Nith) - Online
12:30	12:45	Closing Remarks	---
12:45	14:30	Lunch	
14:30	16:00	Social Activity: Guided City Tour “Development, Colonialism, Inequality” Dr. Thomas Dürmeier (Goliath Watch)	Meeting Point: St. Michaelis Church, Englische Planke 1 20459 Hamburg

## Upload your Material

To enhance the collaborative experience of our upcoming workshop, we kindly request that you upload your papers in advance. This will allow other participants the opportunity to read and provide additional feedback.

In addition, you are obliged to upload your presentation slides (PDF or PPP; YourName\_Title.pdf) to the same folder no later than August 25th. In case you do not use Google, please send us your slides via email. All presentations will be initiated centrally, and personal computers cannot be connected to the setup in the room.

Note, that we will take photos of the event. After the event, these photos will also be uploaded to the folder and might be used for the Network’s web presence and socialmedia. Please use the QR code or [hyperlink](#) to access the folder for uploads.



## Moin to Hamburg, Germany!

Recognized as Germany’s gateway to the world and a city where maritime heritage meets modern innovation, we are excited to welcome you to this year’s workshop in Hamburg. The city is one of the most beautiful and wealthiest cities in Germany with large companies and numerous educational institutions. However, its wealth was built in large part on colonial trade, particularly through the processing and distribution of goods from European colonies. Profits from sugar, coffee, tobacco, and the transatlantic slave trade helped fund the merchant houses and trading companies that defined the city’s identity. Today, Hamburg has begun to confront this complex past more openly, with museums, public art, and academic initiatives addressing the city’s role in colonial exploitation.

As you explore Hamburg during your visit, you’ll discover a city that embodies both the opportunities and contradictions of global capitalism, with its very rich areas of “old money” and autonomous leftist projects deeply rooted in the city. Amid Hamburg’s contrasts, this workshop finds a space for critical thought, reflection, and exchange.

For leisure time, Hamburg offers a wide range of experiences that reflect its cosmopolitan character. Stroll along the Elbe River promenade for stunning harbor views, or explore the trendy Schanzenviertel with its alternative culture and vibrant café scene.

Art enthusiasts can visit the impressive Kunsthalle or the iconic Elbphilharmonie concert hall, whose wave-like architecture has become a modern symbol of the city. Hamburg’s many canals — earning it the nickname “Venice of the North” — invite you to discover the city from the water on a boat tour that reveals its maritime soul from a unique perspective.

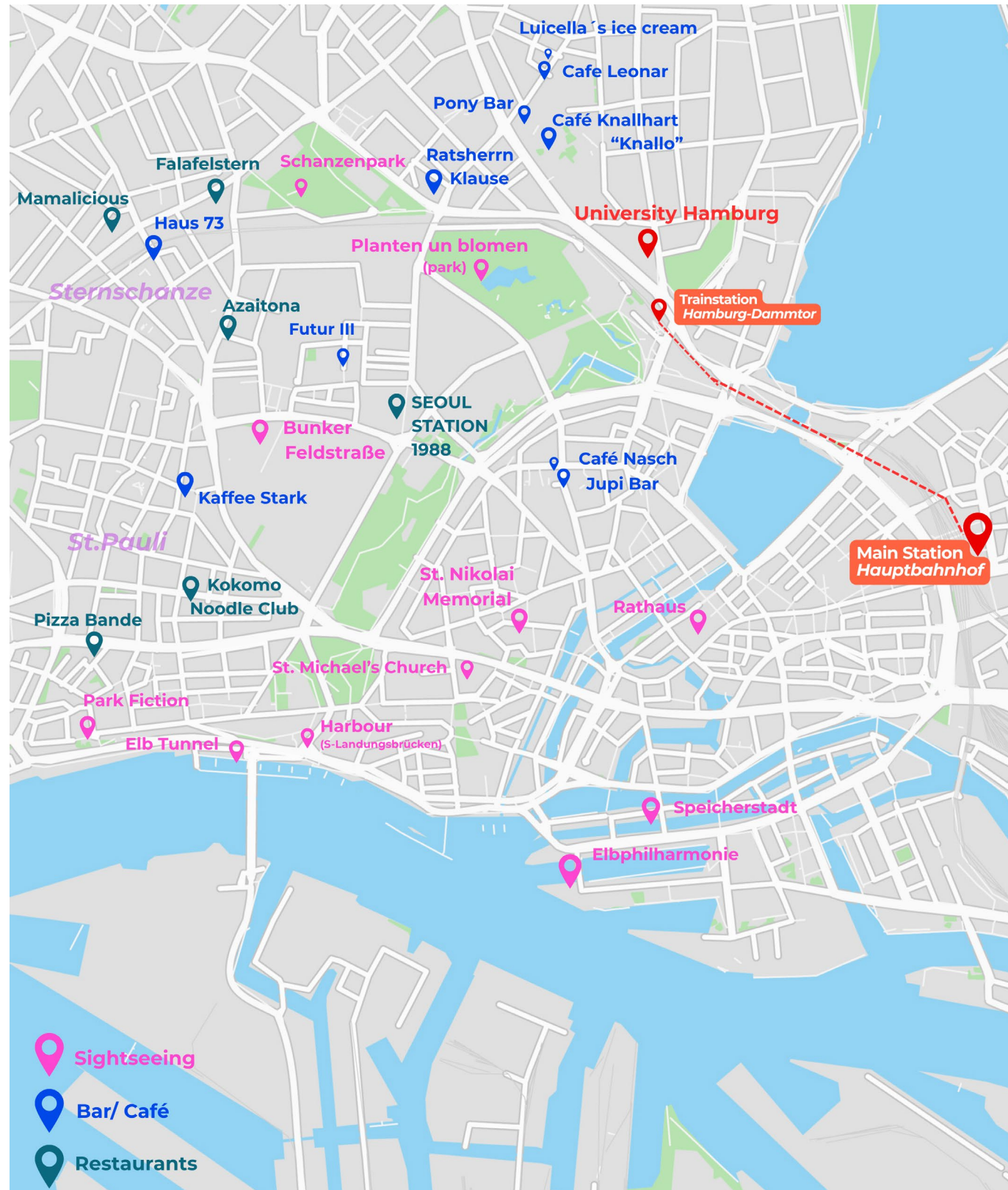
In the heart of the city, the historic *Planten un Blomen* park offers a peaceful green retreat. Those interested in contemporary culture will find a thriving music and club scene, independent cinemas, and numerous small galleries and cultural spaces throughout the city.

The nearby St. Pauli district offers everything from avant-garde theaters to traditional Hamburg cuisine. For a lively evening out, Sternschanze is full of popular bars and restaurants. Just around the corner, the Feldstraße Bunker, a former WWII air-raid shelter, has become a creative and cultural landmark. Since 2024, its rooftop garden with panoramic city views is open to the public.





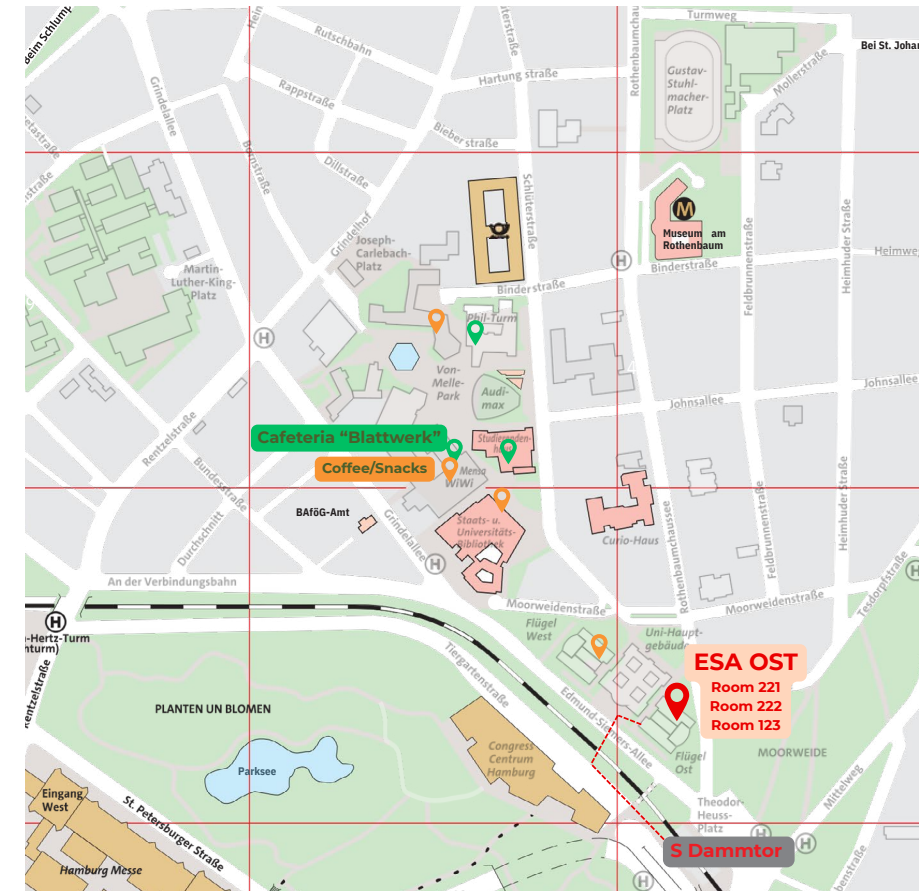
# Maps & Venue



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This year's workshops will take place on the campus of the University of Hamburg, in the East Wing (ESA Ost) of the main university building. Sessions will be held in rooms 123, 221 and 222, located on first and second floor of ESA Ost. The rooms have barrier-free access.

The venue can be easily reached by public transport. Tickets can be purchased online through the DB App or at vending machines inside the train stations. A one-way ticket (Hamburg Hbf -> Hamburg Dammtor) costs €1.95. Please check if local public transport is included in your train ticket ("City-Ticket").

Upon arrival at Hamburg Hauptbahnhof, follow the signs for "S-Bahn" and take either the **S5 towards Elbgaustraße** or **S2 towards Altona**.

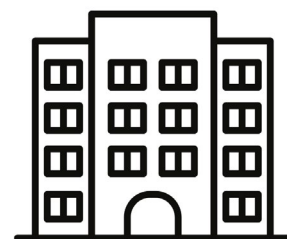
Get off at the next stop: Hamburg Dammtor. Once you arrive at Hamburg Dammtor, simply cross the street toward the university. The workshop venue is located in the right-hand building across the street.

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# Hotels

We have secured a limited number of hotel rooms in advance at the IntercityHotel Hamburg Dammtor-Messe.

The rooms are blocked until July, 16. To reserve your room, write to [reservations.hamburg-dammtor@intercityhotel.com](mailto:reservations.hamburg-dammtor@intercityhotel.com) using the code **Pluralumn25**. Please indicate whether you want to book a single or double room for one or both nights.



Rates are as follows:

Single room: €111.57 per room/night, including breakfast  
Double room: €131.57 per room/night, including breakfast

The hotel is approximately a 10-minute walk from the event venue and can be reached barrier-free. From Hamburg Central Station, you can reach the hotel in about 15 minutes by taking the S2 or S5 S-Bahn lines to Hamburg Dammtor.

[Here](#) you can find more information about the hotel.

Please note that you are required to book your travel and accommodation yourself. We kindly ask you to draw on your own institutional funding, if available. Otherwise, we hope to be able to reimburse travel expenses. However, due to high demand, these are limited to actively presenting participants. At this point, we are unable to make any firm commitments regarding the exact amount. Please take this into account when planning your trip. Reimbursements of accommodation are not limited to the InterCity Hotel but require a receipt. Note, that we do not reimburse expenses for flight tickets.



If you would like to share a double room to reduce costs, you can sign up and connect with others through the accommodation exchange under the following [link](#).



# Organization & Funding



## The Network for Pluralist Economics

The Network for Pluralist Economics, with its 35 university groups and 600 members in the German-speaking countries, is part of the international curriculum change movement that strives for a fundamental shift in economic education, research, policy advice, and public discourse. Therefore, the Network goes deliberately beyond the scope of professional discussions among economists and tries to involve civil society, politics, and the general public. The Network intends to promote pluralism of economic theories and methods, to highlight the solution of real-world problems, and to enhance self-criticism and openness among economists. As an international non-profit organization, the Network operates the e-learning platform Exploring Economics, offers university courses through its Certificate Project, organizes annual summer academies, and supports a pluralist public discourse on economic issues through its public relations.

You can find more information about our regional network on the website (in German):

<https://www.plurale-oekonomik.de/>

To learn about the international curriculum change movement please follow this link:

<https://www.rethinkeconomics.org/>



## Zentrum für Ökonomische und Soziologische Studien/ Centre for Economic and Sociological Studies (ZÖSS) at the University of Hamburg

The Centre for Economic and Sociological Studies (ZÖSS) is an interdisciplinary research institute at the Department of Socioeconomics at the University of Hamburg. Its core characteristic lies in the close integration and systematic inter-linking of the disciplines of economics and sociology. The ZÖSS focuses in particular on the critical analysis of economies and the discipline of economics.

You can find more information about the centre here (in German):

<https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/fachbereich-sozoek/professuren/heise/zoess.html>



## University of Hamburg

The University of Hamburg is one of Germany's largest and most prestigious universities, recognized as a University of Excellence for its outstanding research profile and academic achievements. Founded in 1919, it offers a broad spectrum of disciplines across the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. The university is committed to fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and addressing global challenges through innovative research. With a diverse student body and strong international partnerships, it plays a leading role in shaping the academic landscape in Germany and beyond.

You can find more information about the university here: <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en.html>

## Department of Pluralist Economics at Europa-Universität Flensburg



The Department of Pluralist Economics is part of the International Institute of Management and Economic Education at Europa-Universität Flensburg. Established in 2021, it is one of the few departments that explicitly research and teach about Pluralist Economics in Germany. Under Professor Claudius Gräbner-Radkowsch, the department's research focuses on global inequality, the socio-economic effects of globalization, and the institutional characteristics of current economic dynamics.

You can find more information about the department and its members here:

<https://www.uni-flensburg.de/en/pluralist-economics/about-us>



## Young Scholars Initiative

The Young Scholars Initiative is a community of students, young professionals, and researchers from across the globe pursuing new and critical ways of thinking about the economy. One can join any of 21 working groups on topics related to new economic thinking, participate in community-organized webinars, workshops, and conferences are all over the world and find and connect with like-minded peers and experts in your field of study.

You can find more information visiting <https://ysi.ineteconomics.org/>



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