

On behalf of the EARG and SPEIR, Dr Alexander Mihailov organised and hosted the second European Workshop on Political Macroeconomics (EWPM) on 9-11 October 2017 at Park House on our Whiteknights campus. According to the feedback from our guests, the event was very successful and enjoyable.

The goal of the annual EWPM is to bring together economists with a strong interest in political economy and macroeconomics, creating a productive atmosphere and aiming to



inform policymakers on topical macro-debates. The workshop was initially intended as a small-scale and collaborative research event, but one that may grow over the years into a larger forum.

The academic programme of the 2nd EWPM consisted of 10 invited papers that were presented and discussed in several sessions. In addition, it opened with a “topical panel” on Brexit, with invited speakers from the Bank of England and the National

Research (NIESR), followed by a “special talk” on incorporating virtue ethics into social welfare functions of normative economics, delivered by Professor Masao Ogaki (Keio University, Tokyo). The 2nd EWPM ended with a morning of brief presentations of all speakers and discussions of collaborative projects for the future, where also a representative of the Bristol University Press informed the participants about potential publishing options.



The workshop was attended by about 30 researchers and PhD students with particular interest in the pressing political problems and policymaking trade-offs our modern global society has recently been facing. More information, with access to most of the presented papers, is available via the EWPM website: <https://sites.google.com/site/ewpmhome/>