Institutional & Organizational Economics Academy

18 years of exchanges & community building
Institutional and organizational economics (IOE) has been one of the most prolific fields of research in the past forty years. It combines theoretical and empirical analyses of (formal as well as informal) mechanisms allowing coordination between agents, interaction between these different mechanisms and their consequences on economic performances and dynamics.

To promote advanced and original research in the field and foster its development among young researchers, the IOEA was founded in 2002.

Since then, PhD candidates, Postdoctoral fellows and young academics have benefited from a high-level training and the development of a dynamic international network.

Every year, the IOEA organizes:

• A **one-week spring school** combining lectures given by internationally recognized scholars, and workshops and seminars coordinated by young scholars;
• A **one-day conference** where recent works on IOE are discussed within the French-speaking community;
• **Workshops** focusing on a specific topic in the field.

The strong mobilization of scholars, the organization of complementary workshops and joint publications, the development of online resources, the benefit of well-suited facilities, the support of renowned universities, the reiterated financial support from numerous noteworthy institutions and the highly positive feedbacks from the participants and the faculty have all contributed to a long-term success.

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**The IOEA spring school**

Every year in May the one-week spring school takes place at the Scientific Institute of Cargèse in Corsica (France). The School is organized around:

• **Lectures given by internationally renowned researchers and focusing on a broad topic**
  They do not only give a summary of the existing literature, but also present the main questions and directions of research and implications in terms of public policies. The topics cover the various themes of the IOE such as institutions and economic growth, economics of formal and informal contracts, economics of organizations, theories of institutional changes...

• **Workshops held by younger researchers focusing on a method or a specific subject**
  They present the state of the art on more specific research questions or on a particular methodology.

• **Daily lunch sessions and thesis seminars organized by the IOEA team**
  They allow both advanced researchers and students to talk with the IOEA faculty about key steps in the academic life.

• **Seminars**
  Participation in IOEA is very active! Students are divided into different groups according to their research topics and approaches. They meet every day and are asked to present either their research project or a working paper which is discussed by the IOEA faculty and the other participants.

• **Informal interactions**
  The IOEA school is organized in a way so as to assure that formal and informal exchanges between established researchers and students are constant. Participants can individually meet the members of the faculty, talk with them during the breaks and attend the numerous social events organized during the week. All these interactions have a clearly beneficial effect, which is confirmed by the great number of scientific collaborations (more than 30!) which developed during the School.
The audience

Between 2002 and 2018, over 1 100 scholars attended the IOEA.

Thanks to the international nature of the scientific committee and the active support of the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics, the IOEA attracts every year a highly international audience.

IOEA Alumni: What have they become?

Today more than 400 alumni currently hold academic positions throughout the world, and many scientific co-operations started thanks to the exchanges during the IOEA.

Most former participants have chosen a career in academia and are now working as full, associate or assistant professors in various universities, or as researchers in a research institute. They all contribute to assuring a strong network of scholars working on different aspects of institutional and organizational economics.

The faculty

The IOEA faculty is made of a wide group of leading scholars both in a theoretical and applied perspective. IOE is an interdisciplinary enterprise combining economics, law, organization theory, political science, sociology and anthropology. Although the primary language of the IOEA is economics, many lecturers are coming from these other disciplines. One of the characteristics of IOE is also to mix contributions by very established scholars (Eric Maskin, Douglass North, Oliver Williamson among others taught here!) and recent developments proposed by young and innovative scholars.

Why attend the IOEA?

The knowledge, creativity and the drive to share of the senior scholars marked me profoundly and gave me the exposure and constructive feedback to advance in my own research endeavors. The experience I had during the School blurs the boundaries between professionally relevant and personally satisfying human interaction.

Veneta ANDONOVA (Associate Professor | American University in Bulgaria)

I had the opportunity to significantly widen my scientific network and to obtain important feedbacks. I presented my work in front of scholars from top schools around the world, the lectures were of an amazing standard and helped me come up with new research projects. It is perhaps the only academic event that has enabled me to meet the most high-quality scholars over a short lapse of time.

Petros SEKERIS (Principal Lecturer | Portsmouth Business School)

IOEA turned out to be a truly mind-opening experience. It allowed me not only to be exposed to brilliant thinkers and the most advanced ideas in the field, but also to be faced with a method of scientific exchange that dynamically incorporates new insights from any participant, young or senior. Needless to say, from IOEA stemmed long-standing friendships and chances of professional collaboration.

Maria Alessandra ROSSI (Assistant Professor | University of Siena)

IOEA is the only School I know that can grab top scholars, young researchers, and students from all over the world, lock them into a small fun village with no escape, and force them to talk non-stop for five days. I cannot think of a better way to disseminate and enrich institutional and organizational economics, and pass it from one generation of scholars to another.

Giorgio ZANARONE (Associate Professor | Colegio Universitario de Estudios Financieros)
IOEA brings together a number of high-level experts from different fields and traditions to provide participants with a unique opportunity to be introduced to the state of the art in the field, to discuss recent developments, as well as to learn the methods, theories and research practices of IOE.

By joining the IOEA community, you will benefit from intensive networking opportunities, highly stimulating exchanges and will have a concrete chance to develop further co-operations with researchers working in the field.

Don’t miss the next edition!

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