Post Keynesians Meet in Kansas City

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More than 150 Post Keynesian economists came to Kansas City to participate in the 7th International Post Keynesian Workshop (June 22-July 3, 2002). This event was sponsored by UMKC’s Center for Full Employment and Price Stability (C-FEPS) and the Journal of Post Keynesian Economics.

The workshop started with a weeklong Post Keynesian Summer School (June 22 - 28, 2002), the first of its kind to be held in the US. Back in the 1980s, the Summer School took place annually in Trieste (Italy). Kansas City will now become the new venue for future Post Keynesian events. A group of 20 Post Keynesian Scholars lectured before more than 80 students from more than 20 countries. The lectures covered a wide range of topics in Post Keynesian economics such as PK methodology, price theory, monetary and fiscal policies, unemployment policies, labor markets, investment theory, inflation, distribution, growth, and development. Students and faculty enjoyed both formal and informal discussion groups throughout the workshop.

The second part of the workshop was the 7th International Post Keynesian Conference (June 29 - July 3, 2002), which took place at the Marriott Hotel in Kansas City. This year’s conference was the most attended conference in the history of the workshop. The next PK Workshop will take place in the summer of 2004 in Kansas City.