

# **Eighth HETSA Conference Call for Papers**

The eighth conference of the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia will be held at the University of Queensland on 12-14 July, 1995. Those interested in presenting a paper should submit an abstract to the convenor by March 1, 1995. The convenor of the conference is Peter Burn, Department of Economics, University of Queensland, St Lucia, Queensland, 4072, Australia; tel (07) 365 6576 (work) and (07) 846 4531 (home); fax: (07) 365 7299. Details about the conference programme, accomodation and registration will be mailed out in late 1994.

## **The HETSA Prize**

The History of Economic Thought Society of Australia invites applications for the award of the 1995 HETSA Prize. A Prize of \$400 will be awarded to the winner and another prize of \$200 will be awarded, if merited, to the runner up.

- Closing date for entries is March 1, 1995.
- The prize will be awarded to the candidate who, in the opinion of the judges, submitted the best thesis (or dissertation) in the field of history of economic thought, wholly or partly in fulfilment of the requirements of a fourth year honours degree, a master's degree, or a PhD at an Australian or New Zealand tertiary institution.
- Any submission for the prize should be made within two years of the candidate's receipt of the nominated degree.
- Entries will be judged by a prize committee appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia.
- Entries should be sent to Dr Ian Kerr, Chief Executive Officer, HETSA, Department of Economics, Curtin University of Technology, GPO Box U 1987, Perth, W.A., 6001.

## **Announcing the Impending Formation of the Walras Society**

The importance of Leon Walras's contributions to economics is so great, interest in them has grown so much, and the research materials available concerning Walras are increasing so greatly that the time may have come to form a society devoted to the study of his work and closely related topics. If there is sufficient interest to warrant proceeding with this plan, the necessary preliminary organisational work will be undertaken.

It is anticipated that the evolution of the Walras Society will undergo three phases. We will begin by forming an informational network. This will enable the circulation of papers and articles on Walrasian topics, transmission of information about research and conferences on such topics, etc. We will establish the network by means of disseminating a list of members from which names can be selected by any member for the foregoing purposes. The second phase will be the initiation of meetings, probably annual, at which papers on Walrasian topics will be given and discussed. The third phase will be ushered in by the initiation of a Review of Walrasian Studies/ *Revue d'Etudes Walrasiennes*, which will publish articles in English and French.

A committee will be formed to write a constitution and by-laws. When the time comes to have the first meeting of the Society, the membership will be surveyed to determine a suitable location. We anticipate that the first meeting will be in France or Switzerland, and that subsequent meetings will often be held in Europe. At our first meeting, we will adopt a constitution and by-laws, consider nominations and elect the officers of the Society. There will probably be no dues until the establishment of the *Review*.

Each member will receive a list of the first members and, at regular intervals, an updated list. We will continue to solicit expressions of interest and we ask that all members do the same. Nevertheless, we do not care about large numbers of members as a goal in itself, but about meaningful communication among scholars, however few or many they may be, who are interested in Walrasian studies.

If you wish to become a charter member of the Society, please contact Donald Walker, Department of Economics, 148 Keith Hall, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA 15705, USA, before October 1, 1994.

Pascal Bridel  
Jan van Daal  
Pierre Dockés  
Donald A. Walker

# Book Notice

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Frederick, S. Lee ed. *Oxford Economics and Oxford Economists 1922-1971*  
*Recollections of Students and Economists*. 270pp. Mimeograph.

This is a fascinating and most unusual compilation. Apart from the 'conversations' with economists published by Arjo Klamer and others, historians of economics have made very little systematic use of oral history, especially over such a long period. The collection contains one hundred and thirty seven letters deposited in the Bodleian Library, plus nine interviews from Oxford graduates in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, and from Oxford and other economists. They cover such matters as: undergraduate education during the interwar years; the activity of the Oxford Economists' Research Group (1935-39) and five other wartime and postwar research projects; the life, theory, controversial views and writing of P.W.S. Andrews; and reminiscences and comments on various leading Oxford economists throughout the period. Although some items are brief and inconsequential, many are substantial. The overall effect is a collection rich in insights into academic life and conditions, and impressions of the personalities, views, and impact of many of the leading economists of the time. The volume is not only a 'good read'. It very usefully supplements the editor's book, with W. Young: *Oxford Economics and Oxford Economists* (London: Macmillan, 1993). The material is clear and well organised, and there is a substantial introduction and index.

The bound manuscript is obtainable from the Bodleian Library by inter-library loan.

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