



19TH ANNUAL FORUM OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION FOR POLITICAL ECONOMY

The 19th Annual Forum of the World Association for Political Economy (WAPE) will be held on August 5-7, 2026.

The theme of the Forum: “The Wealth of Nations in the Multipolar Age”, marking the 250th anniversary of the publication of Adam Smith’s *Wealth of Nations*.

Forum venue: Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London (United Kingdom).

The following topics will be discussed at the Forum:

- Adam Smith’s significance for modern thought
- The relation of Marx and his successors with Smith
- The geopolitical economy of the age of capital
- The political economy of development
- Advancing productive powers in a multipolar world
- Modern Forces of Production, Artificial Intelligence, Noonomy, and the Creative Economy
- The negative effects of the dollar as a world currency and of USD-backed stablecoins
- The significance and impact of China’s recent policy initiatives (such as the Global Governance Initiative)
- The role of socialism in the political and geopolitical economy of capitalism
- The emerging role of organizations and structures such as BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
- The role of regional blocs and institutions in shaping multipolar governance
- The ecological challenge and resource politics in a multipolar world
- Shifts in labour relations and production systems under multipolarity
- International production networks
- Livelihoods world-wide and the “Death Line” for the American People
- Contemporary forms of Hegemonism, Imperialism, Colonialism, and Racism
- Upholding Integrity and Innovating Marxist Political Economy Through International Cooperation
- Studies on the International Schools of Innovative Marxism
- Macroeconomic modelling

The Forum will be attended by a Russian delegation led by S. D. Bodrunov, Executive Director of the S. Y. Witte INID, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and Advisor to the World Association for Political Economy (WAPE).

For reference:

The World Association for Political Economy (WAPE) is an international scholarly organization registered in Paris and founded by Marxist economists and affiliated organizations worldwide. The mission of WAPE is to utilize modern Marxist political economy to analyze and study the world economy, reveal the laws of its development, and design policy measures to promote economic and social progress at national and global levels. Between 2006 and 2025, eighteen WAPE forums were held, taking place in Shanghai (China), Shimane (Japan), Beijing (China), Paris (France), Suzhou (China), Amherst (USA), Mexico City (Mexico), Florianópolis (Brazil), Hanoi (Vietnam), Johannesburg (South Africa), Patiala (India), Moscow (Russia), Berlin (Germany), Winnipeg (Canada), Shanghai (China), Fuzhou (China), Athens (Greece), and Istanbul (Turkey). Past WAPE forums have brought together representatives from more than 50 countries across Asia, Australia, Africa, Europe, North America, and South America.

The Chair of the World Association for Political Economy (WAPE) is Professor Cheng Enfu, Director of the Institute of Marxist Studies at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Member of the Academic Council of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

This year, at the Jubilee 10th Alexander Buzgalin International Political Economy Congress (IPEC) held at Lomonosov Moscow State University with the support of the S. Y. Witte INID, Professor Cheng Enfu was awarded an Honorary Diploma from the Congress Program Committee “For Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Political Economy”.