

# Institutions in Context: The Role of Money in Politics

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Tampere, Finland

## Call for Papers

The University of Tampere is delighted to invite Master's and doctoral students of all appropriate fields and disciplines to participate in a week long workshop on The Role of Money in Politics. The workshop is organized and hosted by the North American Studies Program and the Master's Degree program in Public Choice, and it is funded by the Jane and Aatos Erkko Foundation.

The purpose of the workshop is to bring together a diverse group of leading scholars\* from Europe and North America – including political scientists, economists, historians, and sociologists – to discuss the issue of the role of money in politics from all angles. The theme of the workshop is broad to encourage a multidisciplinary approach to the major institutional questions involved. Issues include the impact of the Citizen's United ruling of the U.S' Supreme Court; growing global and domestic inequalities highlighted in Thomas Piketty's famous book *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*; and political motivations for and effects of austerity politics...What policies could best address these concerns?

Each day will be devoted to speaker and student presentations. The workshop format provides opportunities for comments and suggestions from the group.

Room and board is covered for all students. For U.S. and Canada based students we will also provide a stipend of €1200 which can be used to cover travel expenses. (Europe and Nordic/Baltic based students, please inquire regarding the travel stipend.) For Finnish students we will cover domestic travel at the lowest cost rates. The deadline for applications is the 18th of April 2016. More information and the application form are available at the following link:

[http://www.uta.fi/yky/en/studies/disciplines/northamericanstudies/summer\\_school.html](http://www.uta.fi/yky/en/studies/disciplines/northamericanstudies/summer_school.html)

Applicants should send the application form and the listed documents and abstract to [katri.sieberg@uta.fi](mailto:katri.sieberg@uta.fi)

\* Speakers: Charles C. Adams Jr., U.S. Ambassador to Finland; AJ Bostian, University of Virginia; Jan Fidrmuc, Brunel University; Kaisa Kotakorpi, University of Turku; Daniel Kselman, Madrid IE School of International Relations; Jani-Petri Laamanen, University

of Tampere; Hannu Laurila, University of Tampere; Carol Mershon, University of Virginia; Emerson Niou, Duke University; Timothy Nokken, Texas Tech University; Anu Partanen, journalist; Aaron Reeves, Oxford University; Gregory Robinson, Binghamton University; Stergios Skaperdas, University of California – Irvine; Thomas Stratmann, George Mason University; Hanna Wass, University of Helsinki; Rick Wilson, Rice University.