The year 2018 marks the ten-year anniversary of the global financial crisis. While a large literature in comparative political economy has examined causal factors behind the crisis, newer scholarship has moved to studying the crisis’s aftermath and other more recent phenomena, including the status of the post-crisis finance sector, the reemergence of monopolies in national markets, states’ adjustment to demographic change, the role of legal actors in stopping predatory lending, and the problem of unprofitable “zombie” firms which defy creative destruction. This workshop convenes junior scholars in comparative political economy to present and discuss research on these and other fresh topics as they pertain to Japan and Europe. The workshop features a keynote presentation by Dr. Eric Monnet (Banque de France) on the political economy of French banks in historical perspective.
Program

9:00 - Welcome Remarks
    Sebastien Lechevalier (EHESS-FFJ)

9:15 - Political Economy of French Banks in the Interwar Period During the Great Depression
    Eric Monnet (Banque de France, Paris School of Economics, CEPR)
    Moderator: Elsa Massoc

10:00 - Coffee Break

10:15 - The Political Economy of Zombie Firms
    Scott Wilbur (EHESS-FFJ)
    Moderator: Gunnar Mokosch

11:00 - Banking on States: The Divergent European Trajectories of European Finance After the Crisis
    Elsa Massoc (European University Institute)
    Moderator: Adrienne Sala

11:45 - Lunch Break

13:15 - Ententes and National Champions: Post-War French Competition Policy in Comparative Perspective
    Erik Peinert (Brown University, Sciences Po Paris)
    Moderator: Scott Wilbur

14:00 - Questioning the Lawyers’ Role in the Process of Institutional Change - The Case of Over-indebtedness in Japan
    Adrienne Sala (Sciences Po Lyon)
    Moderator: Erik Peinert

14:45 - Coffee Break

15:00 - Adjustment to Population Ageing in Germany, Italy, and Japan
    Gunnar Mokosch (Brown University, Johns Hopkins University)
    Moderator: Scott Wilbur

15:20 - Industrial Demography and Economic Adjustment in Germany, Italy, and Japan
    Gunnar Mokosch (Brown University, Johns Hopkins University)
    Moderator: Scott Wilbur

15:45 - Conclusion