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**15th SCEME Seminar in Economic Methodology –
Post Keynesian Economics Study Group
and Brighton Business School**

**'A Europe starving and disintegrating before their eyes':
Reappraising Keynes's *Economic Consequences of the Peace***

12 -13 September, 2012
Tilton House, Sussex, UK

Call for Proposals

The Scottish Centre for Economic Methodology (SCEME) in association with the Post Keynesian Economics Study Group (PKSG) and Brighton Business School would like to invite proposals for contributions to the fifteenth seminar in the methodology of economics series.

Topic

Almost a century ago, the Treaty of Versailles marked a new departure in international relations by instituting the League of Nations as the first intergovernmental body explicitly dedicated to peace and stability. At the same time, the Treaty has remained one of the most controversial intergovernmental agreements in history. Keynes, as the principal representative of the British Treasury at the negotiations, famously resigned from the delegation, retiring to Cambridge to write arguably the most eloquent contemporary critique of the Treaty. *The Economic Consequences of the Peace* became a best-seller virtually overnight and remains a lynch pin in the secondary literature on the significance of Versailles in the build up to the Second World War. Equally, Keynes's *Consequences* have remained a powerful testament to his idiosyncratic prose and its influence.

Seminar contributions are welcome from any perspective shedding light on *The Economic Consequences of the Peace* and its reception and impact, both from a historical and methodological perspective.

Organisation

The two-day seminar (Wednesday afternoon to Thursday evening) will take place in Tilton House, Keynes's former country home, and Charleston Farmhouse, country residence of the Bloomsbury circle where Keynes wrote the *Consequences*. The attendance fee (which includes accommodation and catering) will be in the order of £300.00.

Submit a proposal:

Proposals should take the form of a one-page outline of the intended contribution, and should be sent, preferably by e-mail, by 1st of May 2012, to Christopher Matthews c.r.matthews@brighton.ac.uk

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