

YSI WORKSHOP

*Postcapitalist Perspectives:
Present Realities and
Future Possibilities*



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Workshop program



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Final Program

Day 1 – 12 March

Location: Palazzo Pilo Boyl, **Aula Sala Conferenza**, Via Santa Cecilia, 24
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13:00 – Registration

13:45–14:15 – Welcome Address

**14:15–16:30 – Session 1: Why Do We Need Post-Capitalism?
Extractivism, Exploitation, and Intellectual Impoverishment**

Chair: **Julian Tiedtke** (*Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna*)

- **Maura Benegiamo** (*Università degli Studi di Pisa*) – *Green Capitalism and the Agro-Extractivist Nexus: Origins and Transformations*
- **Antonio Casilli** (*Institut polytechnique de Paris*) – *Global AI Production: Labor Segmentation and Exploitation Between Tech Professionals and Data Workers*
- **Emilio Carnevali** (*Università degli Studi di Salerno*) – *Why Do We Still Need Comparative Economics?*
- **Mario Cimoli** (*UAM-X & Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna*) – *Political Economy and Progressivism: A Post-Capitalism Without Trade-Offs?*
- *Discussion*



16:30–17:00 – Coffee Break

17:00–19:00 – Session 2: Critical Perspectives on AI Narratives, Digital Labor Regimes and Organisational Structures

Chair: **Margherita Lanini** (*Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna*)

- **Annemarie Witschas** (*Universität Osnabrück & Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*) – *Scale, Expand, Accelerate: AI Narratives Reinforcing the Growth Paradigm*
- **Arianna Petrosino** (*Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II*) – *Logistics Rationality and Quantification: An Epistemic Perspective on Platform Capitalism*
- **Davide Blotta** (*Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo*) – *The Way to the Sun: Infrastructural Expansion and Socio-Environmental Transformation Along the Belt and Road Initiative in Johor, Malaysia*
- **Armen Aramian** (*University College London*) – *Socialism in One Company? Horizontal Organizational Structures in Tech and the Prospects for Workplace Democracy*
- *Discussion*

20:15 – Social Dinner at *Ristorante Quore, Via del Cuore, 1*

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Day 2 – 13 March

Location: Sede Centrale, **Aula 3**, Piazza Martiri della Libertà, 33
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9:00–11:00 – **Session 3: Socio-Ecological Justice: Ecofeminist and Legal Perspectives**

Chair: **Beatrice Negro** (*Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna*)

- **Alice dal Gobbo** (*Università degli Studi di Trento*) – *Ecological Feminism and Climate Justice: Rethinking Democracy in the Time of Polycrisis*
 - **Micaela Fernandez Erlauer** (*University of Greenwich*) – *The Role of Community Care in Challenging the Market–State Dichotomy of Care Provision: Rethinking the Social Organization of Care as a Macroeconomic Institution*
 - **Amaia Rodríguez Parrado** (*Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya*) – *Post-growth Water Futures: Learning from Spain's Decommodified Water System*
 - **Roberto Talenti** (*Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna*) – *Towards a Beyond-Growth Perspective in Legal Scholarship: Bridging Law, Ecology, and Political Economy*
 - **Adriane Takahara Montenegro** (*Universiteit Antwerpen*) – *Beyond Metrics: Transforming Port Governance Through Degrowth Principles*
 - *Discussion*
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11:00–11:30 – **Coffee Break**



11:30–12:30 – Session 4: Models of Non-Market Coordination: From State Planning to Solidarity Economies

Chair: **Giuseppe Quattromini** (*Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna*)

- **Sergey Steblev** (*Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*) – *Not by Planning Alone: Autonomous Control and Planning as two Mechanisms of Non-Market Socialism*
- **Victor Hugo Moraes de Castro** (*Universidade Estadual Paulista “Júlio de Mesquita Filho”*) – *The Social and Solidarity Economy in Brazil: Institutionalization, Critiques, and Transformation*
- *Discussion*

12:30–14:00 – Lunch Break

14:00–15:30 – Session 5: The Making and Challenging of the Global Hierarchy: World Money and Industrial Policy in the Post-Bretton Woods

Chair: **Krystian Bua** (*Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna*)

- **Cristina Re** (*Università degli Studi di Parma*) – *Debt Imperialism: From Financial Hegemony to the Chaos of Semi-Peripheries*
- **Elisa Barbieri** (*Università Ca' Foscari Venezia*) – *Industrial Policy and Structural Change: Some Remarks Starting from the Chinese Experience*
- *Discussion*

15:30–15:45 – Break

15:45–17:15 – Collective Discussion: Building Post-Capitalist Perspectives



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Speakers A–Z



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Davide Blotta (PhD in Global Studies, Economy, Society and Law) is an independent researcher and filmmaker based in Bologna, Italy. His work examines automation, transnational infrastructures, and contemporary labour regimes through multi-sited ethnography conducted across Europe, the Caribbean, Australia, China, Malaysia, and Indonesia. He is currently directing a film project 'Where the Tigers Sleep', on migrant labour and spiritual practice in Indonesia's semiconductor industry.

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Antonio Casilli is a Full Professor of Sociology at the Institut Polytechnique de Paris and research affiliate at the Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy (University of Cambridge). He co-founded the DiPLab (Digital Platform Labor) research program and the International Network on Digital Labor (INDL), and his research focuses on social networks, digital platforms, and digital labor.

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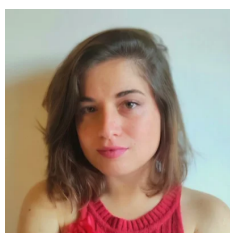
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Amaia Rodríguez Parrado is a researcher in critical political economy and Marxist feminist theory, focusing on the governance of essential resources within and beyond capitalism. Her current project, Post-growth water futures: Learning from Spain's Decommodified Water Systems, builds on her Master's research on the re-municipalised water governance of Terrassa. In her thesis, she identified the structural constraints and political tensions shaping the municipal model and assessed which challenges can - and cannot - be overcome within the current mode of production. These findings were translated into a policy package that is currently entering its initial phase of implementation in the municipality.



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