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Program - First Day, Wednesday, 25th February

08:00	Registration - Main entrance in Via Gravina, 12			
09:00	Institutional Welcome by DSPS Director Prof. Francesca Longo (Unict), PI JUSTLA Prof. Luigi Caranti (Unict), and JUSTLA Co-Coordinator Prof. Nunzio Ali (Unict/Uminho-CEPS) - Sala Conferenze			
09:30 - 11:00	Open Plenary: <i>Realizing Justice in a Steady State Economy</i> , Prof. Lisa Herzog (University of Groningen, The Netherlands) - Sala Conferenze			
11:00	Break			
11:20 - 12:50	Section 1 (Room A1) - Chair Juan Iosa - <i>Why Not Georgism? A Pluralist Case for Land Value Taxation</i> , Charlie Blunden (Institute of Philosophy in Zagreb) - <i>Structural Injustice and International Lending</i> , Cristian Dimitriu (CONICET/University of Buenos Aires) - <i>Gentrification and Non Material Wrongs</i> , Elisabetta Gobbo (Erasmus University Rotterdam)	Section 2 (Room A2) - Chair Lucas Petroni - <i>Love, Gender, and Race</i> , Maria Borges (Federal University of Santa Catarina) - <i>Art against State Iconoclasm: The Argentine Case</i> , Haris Papoulias (Complutense University of Madrid) - <i>The Fabric of Justice: Textures of Justice in Urban Space</i> , Barbara Reiter (University of Graz)	Section 3 (Room A3) - Chair Jean-Christophe Merle - <i>Post-truth, Loyalty, and the Erosion of Solidarity</i> , Vittorio Bufacchi (University College Cork) - <i>Two Paradoxes of Participatory Institutions: From a Fragmented Society to Shackled Governments</i> , Marco Mazzone (University of Catania) - <i>Affect Polarization, Transnational Justice, and Human Rights</i> , Sarah Bianchi (Goethe-University)	Section 4 (Room A4) - Chair Keadu Gebremariam - <i>The Entanglement of Epistemic (In)Justice and Climate (In)Justice</i> , Emma Braccini (Technical University of Dresden) - <i>How Cumbersome is State Responsibility on Environmental Issues? Climate Justice Between Moral and Legal Obligations: The International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion of 23 July 2025</i> , Daniela Fisichella (University of Catania)
12:50	Break (Lunch interval)			
14:15 - 15:45	Section 5 (Room A1) - Chair Gergana Boncheva - <i>Scientific Justice for Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction</i> , Santiago Vrech (Utrecht University) - <i>Judicial Innovations in Economic Rights Jurisprudence</i> , Badrinath Rao (Kettering University) - <i>Internalism about Affirmative Action</i> , Geraldine Ng (University of Reading)	Section 6 (Room A2) - Chair Barbara Reiter - <i>Social Death and Egalitarian Life</i> , Lucas Petroni (Getulio Vargas Foundation - FGV) - <i>Rescuing Equality from the Envy Objection: Why Relative Position Matters for Justice</i> , Jens Tyssedal (University of Bergen) - <i>Slaving to Be Human: Commodity, Capitalism, and Cultural Appropriation</i> , Tony Baugh (University of Edinburgh)	Section 7 (Room A3) - Chair Sarah Bianchi - <i>Bridging Whose Future? A Feminist Inquiry about the Bridge over the Strait of Messina</i> , Futura Venuto (University of Bern) - <i>Is 'Collapsology' Compatible with Democracy?</i> , Jean-Christophe Merle (University of Vechta) - <i>The Brazilian Case: Authoritarian Affect as Mean of Social Disintegration</i> , Gustavo Negreiros (Federal University of Santa Catarina)	Section 8 (Room A4) - Chair Diana Piroli - <i>Carbon Offsetting on Grabbed Land, and Emissions Grandfathering</i> , Keadu Gebremariam (Leiden University) - <i>Legal Imagination and Legal Reasoning in Climate Adjudication: An Entrance for Future Generations</i> , Paula Nieto-Hernandez (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
15:45	Coffee Break			
16:15 - 17:45	II Plenary: <i>Critical Theory and Needs</i> , Prof. Alessandro Pinzani (Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil) - Sala Conferenze			

Program - Second Day, Thursday, 26th February

09:00-10:30	III Plenary: <i>Dynamics of Authority in Religious Conflicts: A Constructivist Account</i> , Prof. Carla Bagnoli (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy) - Sala Conferenze			
10:30	Break			
10:45-12:15	<p>Section 9 (Room A1) - Chair Delamar Volpato</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Workers Must Have a Say</i>, José Pereira (Nova University of Lisbon) - <i>Sidgwick's Political Philosophy in the Rawlsian Debate on Utilitarianism and Liberalism</i>, Cristiano Leone (Sapienza University) - <i>The Capability Approach and Inequalities in Achieving a Good Life in Türkiye</i>, Onur Arun (Anadolu University) 	<p>Section 10 (Room A2) - Chair Marie Göbel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Epistemic Pathways and the Politics of Knowledge: Indigenous Education and the Search for Knowledge Justice in Peruvian Amazonia</i>, Angela Giattino (University of Oxford) - <i>Decentration as a Presupposition of Decolonization Processes</i>, Luiz Carlos Bombassaro (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul) - <i>Du Bois's Elitist Critique of America</i>, Kwesi Thomas (University of Toronto) 	<p>Section 11 (Room A3) - Chair Joel Klein</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Pathologies of Democracies in a Kantian Vein</i>, Luigi Caranti (University of Catania) - <i>A Kantian Argument for the Balance of Power</i>, Thomas Bailey (University of Glasgow) - <i>Kant or Hegel... or the Aporia Between Utopian Peace and the Necessity of War</i>, Fernando Turri (University Diego Portales/Fern Universität Hagen) 	<p>Section 12 (Room A4) - Chair Fausto Corvino</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Towards an Ecocentric Reading of European Union Environmental Law: Nature as a Subject of Enhanced Protection</i>, Simone Minelli Lima Teixeira (University of Minho) - <i>Recentering Climate Change Research: Climate and Epistemic Justice for Indigenous Peoples</i>, Sapna Kumar (University of Bern) - <i>Rethinking Structural Climate Injustice: From a Systemic to a Site-Specific Approachs</i>, Vojtěch Svěrák (University of Groningen/Charles University)
12:15	Break (Lunch interval)			
13:30-15:00	<p>Section 13 (Room A1) - Chair Onur Arun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Digital Technologies and Epistemic Democracy in the Age of Disinformation</i>, Kristina Lekić Barunčić (University of Rijeka) - <i>Rethinking Democracy through Societal Constitutionalism</i>, Sabina Tortorella (University of Namur) - <i>Populism and Deliberative Democracy</i>, Delamar Volpato (Federal University of Santa Catarina) 	<p>Section 14 (Room A2) - Chair Luiz Carlos Bombassaro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Justice, Rights, and Risks: Ethical Reflections on Mandatory Tuberculosis Screening for Migrants</i>, Marie Göbel (Ruhr University Bochum) - <i>Artificial Intelligence, Basic Income, and Migration (AIBIM)</i>, Bradley Hillier Smith (University of St Andrews) - <i>Democracy Beyond the State: A Two-Level Contractualism for the European Union</i>, Giuseppe Morana (University of Catania) 	<p>Section 15 (Room A3) - Chair: Fernando Turri</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Exploring Inclusiveness of Digital Collective Action of Workers Through Political Intersectionality</i>, Davide Arcidiacono (University of Catania) - <i>Informal Employment as Objectionable Exclusion</i>, Gergana Boncheva (Erasmus University Rotterdam) - <i>The Border as Deadlock and Possibility: Rethinking Equaliberty through Non-statist and Post-statist Practices</i>, Aleyna Onbasi (KU Leuven) 	<p>Section 16 (Room A4) - Chair Nunzio Ali</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Turning Risk into Profit: How Climate Finance Exploits Vulnerability</i>, Eric John Brown (Corvinus University of Budapest) - <i>Climate Justice Methodologies and Public Philosophy</i>, Fausto Corvino (Hoover Chair in Economic and Social Ethics, UCLouvain) - <i>Expanding the Scope of Climate Justice: A Role for Relational Values</i>, Jeroen Hopster (Utrecht University)
15:00	Break			
15:15-16:45	<p>Section 17 - Roundtable on the future of liberalism - Chair Luigi Caranti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Rethinking Rawlsian Liberalism According to the Fact of Migration?</i>, Corinna Mieth (Ruhr University Bochum) - <i>Reciprocity and Intergenerational Justice: Two Approaches</i>, Valentina Gentile (LUISS University) - <i>Back to the Domestic Basic Structure</i>, Valeria Ottonelli (University of Genova) 	<p>Section 18 (Room A2) - Chair Angela Giattino</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Favela, Race, and Democratic Vulnerability: Reading the 2025 Complexo do Alemão and Penha Operation</i>, Rebecca Bottino (University of Florence/University of Turin) - <i>Ontic Injustice and the Limits of Liberal Justice in India: A Critique through the Lens of Caste</i>, Aditi Aditi (Jawaharlal Nehru University) - <i>The Resistance of the Commons: MST and Political Negativity in a Performance</i>, Adriano Soares de Sousa (University of Buenos Aires) 	<p>Section 19 (Room A3) - Chair Davide Arcidiacono</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Weapons of Cartel Destruction: When Drug Syndicates Exploit Social Media—and How To Respond</i>, Juan Espindola (National Autonomous University of Mexico) - <i>Is Propaganda Bad? Legitimate and Illegitimate Infringements on Intellectual Autonomy</i>, Michael Balmer (University of Neuchâtel) - <i>When the "Agora" is Privatized: Rethinking Freedom of Expression in the Digital Age</i>, Tailine Hijaz (Federal University of Paraná/Vechta Universität) 	<p>Section 20 (Room A4) - Chair Eric John Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Democracy, Climate Change, and Hope</i>, Joel Klein (Federal University of Paraná) - <i>Managing Essential Global Goods: The Case of Critical Minerals and the Green Transition</i>, Tadhg Ó Laoghaire (Durham University)
16:45	Coffee Break			
17:15 - 18:45	IV Plenary: <i>Orwell, Emergencies, and the Case for the Subordination of Markets to Democratic Goals</i> , Prof. Martin O'Neill (University of York, United Kingdom) - Sala Conferenze			
19:30	Social Dinner - Social Dinner at the "A Putia Dell'Ostello" - Piazza Currò, 3, Catania.			

Program - Third-Day, Friday, 27th February

08:30-10:00	V Plenary: <i>The Limits of Workplace Democratization: Reflections on the Coloniality of Labor</i> , Prof. Gianfranco Casuso (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, Peru) - Sala Conferenze			
10:00	Break			
10:20-11:50	<p>Section 21 (Room A1) - Chair Konstantinos Tsioutras</p> <p>- <i>Democracy without Equality: Graeber's Anarchist Challenge</i>, Tom Bailey (John Cabot University in Rome)</p> <p>- <i>Justice and Anarchy: Opportunities and Risks of Anti-institutional Tendencies in Contemporary Politics</i>, Natalia Botonaki (Carlos III University of Madrid)</p> <p>- <i>Justice Beyond Liberalism? Confronting the Domination of Value Form</i>, Domas Junelis (Vilnius University)</p>	<p>Section 22 (Room A2) - Chair Karolina Osica</p> <p>- <i>The Dismantling of Citizenship: Libertarian Rationality and the Brazilian Case</i>, Mariana Kuhn de Oliveira (CEBRAP)/Humboldt University)</p> <p>- <i>We Still Have Each Other's Word: Towards a Justice of Speech, Trust, and Shared Understanding</i>, Paulo Jesus (Portugalense University/University of Lisbon)</p> <p>- <i>The Point of Competitive Markets</i>, Etye Steinberg (Tel Aviv University)</p>	<p>Section 23 (Room A3) - Chair Juan Espíndola</p> <p>- <i>Realism's Missing Chapter: Cultivation, Place, and the Ethics of Political Endurance</i>, Nada Abdulaziz (Colorado State University)</p> <p>- <i>Can Deliberative Democracy Handle Emotions?</i>, Cristina Foroni Consani (Federal University of Paraná)</p> <p>- <i>The Stories We Live By: Language, Rights, and the Living World</i>, Douglas Ponton (University of Catania)</p>	<p>Section 24 (Room A4) - Chair Rebecca Bottino</p> <p>- <i>Negative Sovereignty, Cultural identities, and the Rule of Law: The Legitimacy of Sub-Saharan African States</i>, Lukas Sosoe (University of Luxembourg)</p> <p>- <i>Latin American Democracy and Caudillismo: The Post-dictatorship Bengé and the Perversion of Citizenship</i>, Jovino Pizzi (Federal University of Pelotas)</p> <p>- <i>The Politics of Connection: Reclaiming Iris Marion Young's Model of Responsibility for Structural Injustice</i>, Arif Guljar (Indian Institute of Technology Bombay)</p>
11:50	Break (Lunch interval)			
13:15-14:45	<p>Section 25 (Room A1) - Chair Tom Bailey</p> <p>- Intersectionality and Transitional Justice, Stella Gonzalez-Arnal (University of Hull)</p> <p>- <i>From Global Justice to Global Justice in the South: Normative Dislocations and Epistemological Challenges</i>, Raissa Ventura (State University of Campinas)</p> <p>- <i>Structural Injustice and Repair: From Black America to Europe</i>, Konstantinos Tsioutras (Goethe University Frankfurt)</p>	<p>Section 26 (Room A2) - Chair Mariana Kuhn de Oliveira</p> <p>- <i>Trust in and for Justice</i>, Hazal Altunkulp Çoban (Istanbul Technical University)</p> <p>- <i>Reclaiming Liberalism: A Communitarian Response to Economic Individualism</i>, Karolina Osica (University of Warsaw)</p> <p>- <i>Normalizing Things with Words: On Hate speech and Unjust Norms</i>, Vittorio Catalano (University of Vienna)</p>	<p>Section 27 (Room A3) - Chair Douglas Ponton</p> <p>- <i>Citation Justice in the Age of LLMs-assisted Science</i>, Jon Rueda (Spanish National Research Council)</p> <p>- <i>Digital Public Sphere and Democratic Deliberation: Between Crisis and Democratic Solidarity</i>, Thiago Ferreira (Goethe University Frankfurt/Federal University of Santa Catarina)</p> <p>- <i>Reconciliation, Resignation, and Revolution: on political philosophy's task of reconciling us to existing institutions</i>, Artur Tonon (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul)</p>	
14:45	Coffe Break			
15:15-16:45	Final Plenary: <i>The Ethics of Expectation in the Transition to Climate Neutrality</i> , Prof. Lukas Meyer (University of Graz, Austria) - Sala Conferenze			
16:45	Farewell by Prof. Luigi Caranti (Unict) and Prof. Nunzio Ali (Unict/Uminho-CEPS) - Sala Conferenze			