





Political ecology is a long-established interdisciplinary field, including various social sciences and humanities, aimed at investigating the interface of societies and the biophysical world as affected by, and in its turn affecting, the political order and related dynamics of conflict and cooperation, domination and emancipation. The overall stance is critical of capitalist economy, seen at the core of a socio-ecological (rather than just ecological) crisis that got growing evidence since the 1970s.

Political ecology also questions the (purportedly) apolitical outlooks that lead the debate and which assume that the problem can be addressed in politically neutral terms leaving unaccounted for the way science and technology intermingle with power and interests.

The emergence of the notion of Anthropocene, the acknowledgment of fast accelerating climate change and the worldwide spread of "environmental justice" mobilizations have in different ways stressed that the crisis cannot be effectively tackled, whether in terms of mitigation or adaptation, without addressing its social causes. This means looking at the interweaving of the various aspects (economic, scientific, regulatory, institutional, cultural, geopolitical etc.) that impinge on how the biophysical world (including the human body) is conceived, technologies are developed, value is extracted and the related benefits and costs, risks and uncertainties, are distributed across peoples, places, genders and generations.

Of particular relevance is to investigate ongoing transformations in the global order and governmental approaches, emergent technological landscapes and narratives of crisis and remedy, new social mobilizations and conflicting ontologies of the human and the nonhuman. This entails making a step forward, compared to traditional political ecology outlooks, which see as unproblematic and uncontentious the western ontology.

The summer school will provide an updated analysis of this problematic. Activities will be articulated in morning and afternoon sessions, combining lectures and group work with both a theoretical and an empirical perspective, focusing on analytical frameworks, research methods and experiences. A guided visit of a site of conflict over extractivist activities will add to the opportunities of learning and reflection. Attendance will be evaluated in terms of active participation and personal contribution to collective work.









	Morning	Afternoon
		15.30 - 16.00 Opening of School
June 10		16.00 - 18.30 Chair and discussant: Maura Benegiamo (University of Pisa)
		The Unbearable Lightness of Climate Populism Erik Swyngedouw (University of Manchester)
		Discussants: Alice Dal Gobbo (University of Trento) Ivano Scotti (University of Naples Federico II)
		Debate 19.00 Welcome reception
	9:30-11:00	15:00-16:30
	Chair and discussant:	Chair and discussant:
	Salvo Torre (University of Catania)	Dario Minervini (University of Naples Federico II)
June	From Resistance to Co-Management? Rethinking Scientization in the Contestation of the Technosciences	Workers of the Earth. Labour, ecology and reproduction in the age of climate change
11	Sezin Topçu (EHESS-CNRS-INSERM)	Stefania Barca (University of Santiago de Compostela)
	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
	11:30-13:00	17:00-18:30
	Discussant: Laura Centemeri (EHESS-CNRS)	Discussant: Paul Guillibert (University of Coimbra)
	Debate	Debate
	Lunch	
	8 :30-11:30 Forum participants (on site/online)	ALPI APUANE – Campocecina
June	Commentaries:	Guided tour to the site and discussion about local
12	TBA	socio-ecological conflicts
	Coffee break	Pietro Niccolò Baccellieri (Independent Scholar) Chiara Braucher (KTH Royal Institute of Technology)
	12:00	Rossella Moscatelli (Architect and Designer)
	Leave for ALPI APUANE	(back to Pisa at 20:30)
June 13	9:30-11:00 Chair and discussant: Emanuele Leonardi (University of Bologna)	15:00-16:30 Chair and discussant: Viviana Asara (University of Ferrara)
	Undoing Neoliberalism: Degrowth as a radical alternative to the neoliberal	The politics of limits Luigi Pellizzoni (University of Pisa)
	restructuring of societies Barbara Muraca (University of Oregon)	Coffee Break
	Coffee break 11:30-13:00 Discussant: Simone D'Alessandro , University of Pisa) Debate	17:00-18:30 Discussant: Giacomo D'Alisa (University of Coimbra) Erik Gómez-Baggethun (Norwegian University of Life Sciences) Debate
	Lunch	CLOSING OF SCHOOL





Eric Swyngedouw

The Unbearable Lightness of Climate Populism



The presentation focuses on what I refer to as Climate Populism and how this structures not only many radical climate movements but also the liberal climate consensus. I argue that the architecture of most mainstream as well as more radical climate discourses, practices, and policies is strictly parallel to that of populist discourses and should be understood as an integral part of a pervasive and deepening process of post-politicization. Mobilising a process that psychoanalysts call 'fetishistic disavowal', the climate discourse produces a particular form of populism that obscures the power relations responsible for the growth of greenhouse gas emissions. I shall mobilise a broadly Lacanian-Marxist theoretical perspective that permits accounting for this apparently paradoxical condition of both acknowledging and denying the truth of the climate situation, and the discourses/practices that sustain this.

Chair and discussant Maura Benegiamo
Discussant Alice Dal Gobbo
Ivano Scotti









Sezin Topçu

From Resistance to Co-Management? Rethinking Scientization in the Contestation of the Technosciences





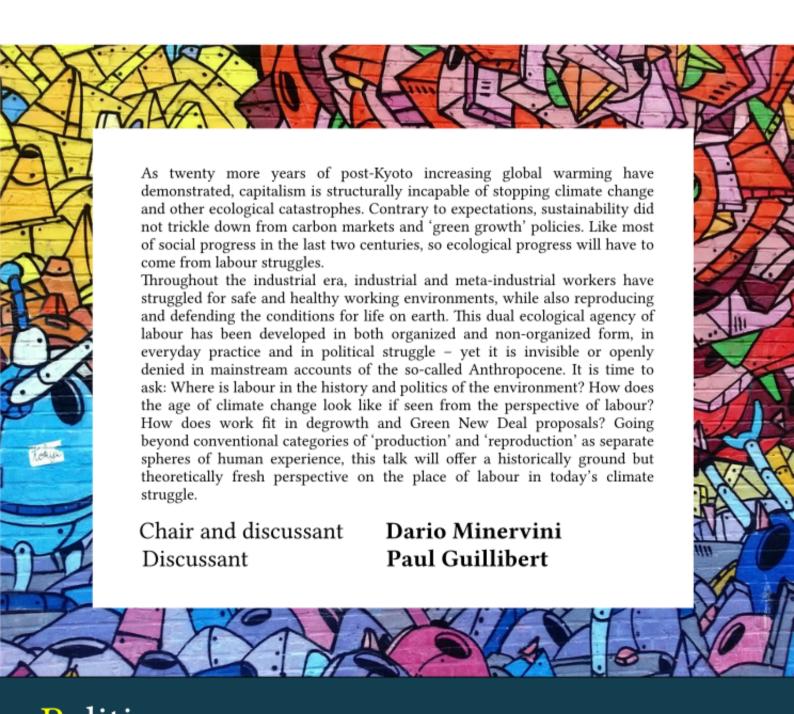






Stefania Barca

Workers of the Earth. Labour, ecology and reproduction in the age of climate change











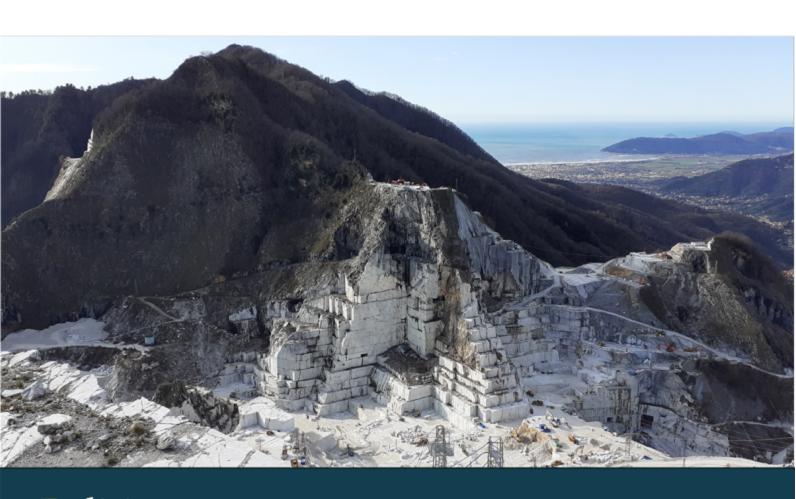
ALPI APUANE

Campocecina

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Pietro Niccolò Baccellieri Chiara Braucher Rossella Moscatelli

(back to Pisa at 20:30)





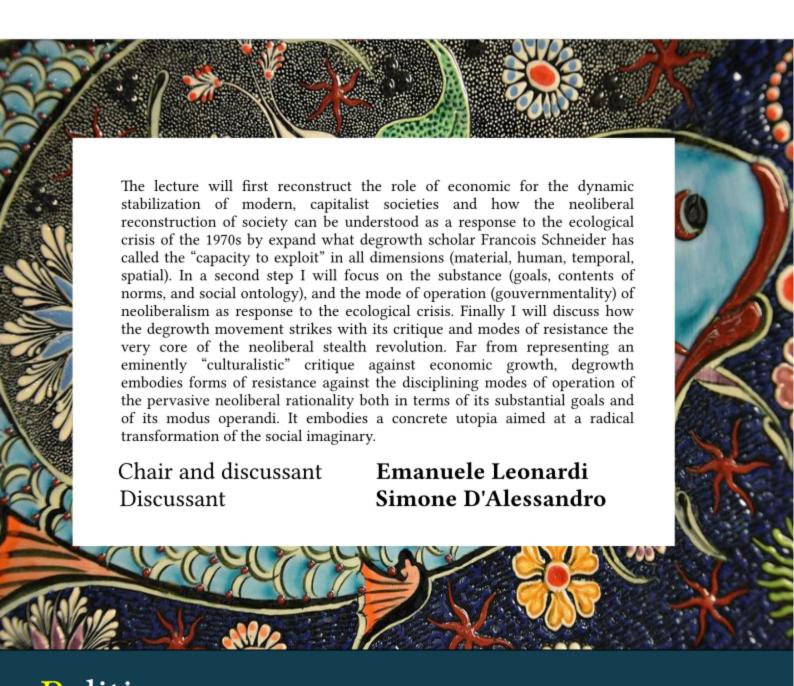






Barbara Muraca

Undoing Neoliberalism: Degrowth as a radical alternative to the neoliberal restructuring of societies





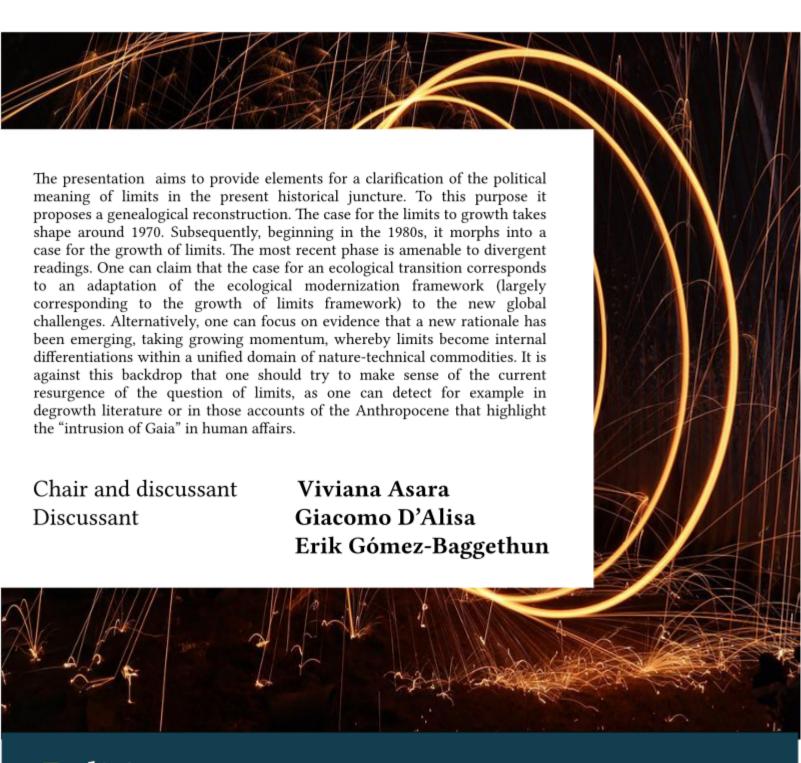






Luigi Pellizzoni

The politics of limits









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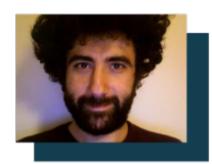
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Giacomo D'Alisa. I am a political ecologist with an interdisciplinary background. My research isinterdisciplinary, action-oriented, and based on a solid community service motivation; it contributes to the broader field of sustainability scholarship and environmental governance and directly impacts society. I have (co)authored over 65 research items, including scientific journal articles chapters, edited volumes and books and invested substantial efforts to influence policies. As the Principal Investigator (P.I.) of an FCT research grant on the Commons at the Center for Social Studies (CES) at the University of Coimbra (U.C.) in Portugal, I am leading a research agenda on commons-based resources governance and commoning practices. Some of the outputs stemming from this grant include co-editing a special issue on Commons and Social Movements published in Ecological Economics and co-authoring an article on commons grabbing published in the same journal. I am one of the leading scholars in degrowth, one of the most debated topics in sustainability studies.I have extensively published on the subject and been an active member in several academic and transdisciplinary initiatives, which lead to the consolidation of the degrowth arena. I published a monograph for Polity Press and an edited volume with Routledge, considered landmark publications in the critical post-growth scholarship.

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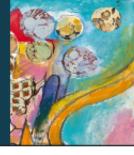
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