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International
workshop organized by
Giulia Rispoli and **Marko Marila**
(Ca' Foscari University of Venice)
in collaboration with
Christoph Rosol and **Benjamin
Steininger** (MPIGEA)

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Planetary Genealogies in Russia and Eastern Europe

Historicizing (Neglected) Sources of the Anthropocene



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Thursday 22 May 2025

9.00–9.15 **Registration & Welcome**

9.15–9.45 **Giulia Rispoli**

Which Genealogies for the Planetary?

Opening remarks with contributions from
Christoph Rosol and **Benjamin Steininger**

9.45–11.30 **SESSION 1**

Deep Time and Shifting Grounds

Chair: **Christoph Rosol**

9.45–10.15 **Philipp Kohl**

The Invention of the Soviet Anthropocene

10.15–10.45 **Clemens Günther**

The Oceans and the Anthropocene: Perspectives from the Soviet Union and Beyond

10.45–11.15 **Discussion**

11.15–11.30 Coffee break

11.30–13.00 **SESSION 2**

Dissenting Ecologies, Planetary Rights

Chair: **Giulia Rispoli**

11.30–12.00 **Yvonne Howell**

Growth War: “Capitalist” and “Communist” Dreams of Endless Human Expansion and Technological Impunity

12.00–12.30 **Doubravka Olšáková**

Planetary Ethics, Dissent, and the Anthropocene: Václav Havel, the Stockholm Conference, and Charter 77 [remote presentation]

12.30–13.00 **Discussion**

13.00–14.00 Light lunch

14.00–14.15 **October Ecologies project presentation** **Giulia Rispoli & Daniela Russ**

14.15–15.45 **SESSION 3**

Biospheres in Question: Knowing and Governing Nature

Chair: **Marko Marila**

14.15–14.45 **Mieka Erley**

Chessboard Tables and Input Coefficients: Soviet Economy as Ecology

14.45–15.15 **Julia Lajus**

Who Knows Better

Nature or Humankind? Soviet Discussions on the Biosphere and Ecological Crisis in the 1970s

[remote presentation]

15.15–15.45 **Discussion**

15.45–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–17.30 **SESSION 4**

Energetics and Revolutionary Imaginaries

Chair: **Benjamin Steininger**

16.00–16.30 **Marco Vianna Franco**

Varieties of Social Energetics as Political Economy in Eastern Europe, 1880s–1930s

16.30–17.00 **Daniela Russ**

Seeing Like a Proletarian: Aleksandr Bogdanov's Energetic World-Making

17.00–17.30 **Discussion**

19.30 Dinner

Friday 23 May 2025

10.00–11.30 **SESSION 5**

Cosmic Politics and Poetics of the Planetary

Chair: **Giulia Rispoli**

10.00–10.30 **Pietro Restaneo**

Cosmic Epistemologies: New Approaches to Knowledge from the Biosphere to the Semiosphere

10.30–11.00 **Elena Fratto**

Digesting the Past: Fyodorovian Imagery in Platonov's “Ether Channel”, 1926–1927

11.00–11.30 **Oxana Timofeeva**

The Persistence of the World Soul: From the Cosmic Animal to Gaia

11.30–11.45 Coffee break

11.45–12.30 **Concluding Discussion**

Towards Collaborative Project Development and a Potential Publication (with Discussion Introduction by **Marko Marila**)