

SESSION VII

Chair: **Emanuele Lepore**

14.30-14.50 **Roberto Nigro** (Leuphana University)

Post-Fordism and Neo-Liberal Governmentality

14.50-15.10 **Ivan Bouchardeau** (Toulouse University)

Two Schemes for Thinking Knowledge Extractivism

15.10-15.30 **Gary Smith** (Zhejiang University)

Recommendation Algorithms and Societal-Scale Epistemic Injustice

15.30-15.50 **Magnus Green** (Istituto Fiorentino di Critica Culturale)

The Algorithm as Police of the Possible: Pre-emptive Subjectivity and Authoritarian Desire in the Age of AI Monopolies

15.50-16.00 **Discussion**

16.00 Coffee break

SESSION VIII

Chair: **Emanuele Lepore**

16.10-16.30 **Into the Black Box research group** (Bologna University)

Big Tech between Militarization and Authoritarianism: A Logistical Approach

16.30-18.00 Roundtable coordinated by **Emanuele Lepore** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice/CCTP) *No Kings: Grassroots perspectives on the global crisis*. With: **Giulia dal Maso**, **Valentina Bonifacio**, **Lorenzo Feltrin** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice), **Into the Black Box** (Bologna University)

18.00-18.30 **Discussion and closing remarks**

19.00 Social dinner (free participation)

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in the New Global Order

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Day 1 - 2 February 2026

SESSION I

Chair: **Giorgio Ciani**

9.30-9.55 **Tommaso Guariento**, and **Giorgio Ciani** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice - AIMODELS)

AI Epistemology in the New Global Order

9.55-10.15 **Giovanni Fava** and **Matteo Pasquinelli** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice - AIMODELS)

Which World Model? Technosphere and Infosphere in the Long Wave Theory

10.15-11.00 KEYNOTE

Grégoire Chamayou (CNRS Paris)

The Prehistory of Data Center Cooling: A Look Back at the Thermal Contradictions of Industrial Production

11.00-11.15 Coffee break

SESSION 2

Chair: **Matteo Pasquinelli**

11.15-12.00 KEYNOTE

Ben Tarnoff (independent scholar) *From Fordism to Muskism: A Reactionary Futurism for a Deglobalizing Age*

12.00-12.45 KEYNOTE

Moirá Weigel (Harvard University)

Zero to One Hundred | 从零到一百: Nietzsche, Thiel, and China

12.45-13.00 **Discussion**

13.00-14.30 Lunch at venue

SESSION III

Chair: **Giovanni Fava**

14.30-14.55 **Esther Oluffa Pedersen** (Roskilde University) *Thiel's Lectures on Anti-Christ: Myth Making and Politics in the Silicon Valley*

14.55-15.20 **Brett Neilson** (Western Sydney University)
Fictions of AI Sovereignty: Johor, the VOC, and Nvidia

15.20-15.45 **Eleni Papagiannaki** (Edinburgh Napier University)
A Marxist Critique of Mainstream Theories on Labour's Exposure to AI

15.45-16.00 **Discussion**

16.00-16.15 Coffee break

SESSION IV

Chair: **Bernardo Paci**

16.15-16.35 **Felicia Jing** (Johns Hopkins University)
The Concept of an Algorithm: New Robinsonades in Computer Science

16.35-16.55 **Gabriele de Seta** (University of Bergen)

Algorithmic Folklore

16.55-17.15 **Alexandra Deem** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice - MSCA)

Auto-Maga: LLMs as Anti-Woke Meme Machines

17.15-17.35 **Annemarie Witschas** (Osnabrück University)
Scale, Expand, Accelerate: AI Narratives Reinforcing the Growth Paradigm

17.35-18.00 **Jonnie Penn** (Cambridge University)
Strategic Decomputerisation: On Attensity, Rest, and Metabolic AI

18.00-19.00 **Discussion**

19.00 Social dinner (free participation)

Day 2 - 3 February 2026

SESSION V

Chair: **Tommaso Guariento**

9.30-10.15 **Giorgio Cesarale** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice/ CCTP)

Technofeudal Mode of Production and Rent (after Kula)

10.15-11.00 KEYNOTE

Cédric Durand (University of Geneva)

Overaccumulating AI: rationale, faultlines, and politics

11.00-11.45 KEYNOTE

Cecilia Rikap (University College London)

Corporate power, intellectual monopolisation and geopolitics in AI times

11.45-12.00 **Discussion**

12.00 Coffee break

SESSION VI

Chair: **Elisabetta Magnani** (Macquarie University)

12.15-12.30 **Hannah Bensussan** (University Sorbonne Paris Nord)

Vampire or Parasite? The Unstable Characterisation of Production Relations in Digital Capitalism

12.30-12.45 **Leonie Hunter** (Princeton University)

The Automated Fetish: Machine Learning in the Credit System

12.45-13.00 **Alessandro Delfanti** and **Nicholas Fazio** (University of Toronto)

The Tech Unconscious: Patents and Capital's Desire

13.00 Lunch at venue