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# The World Algorithm

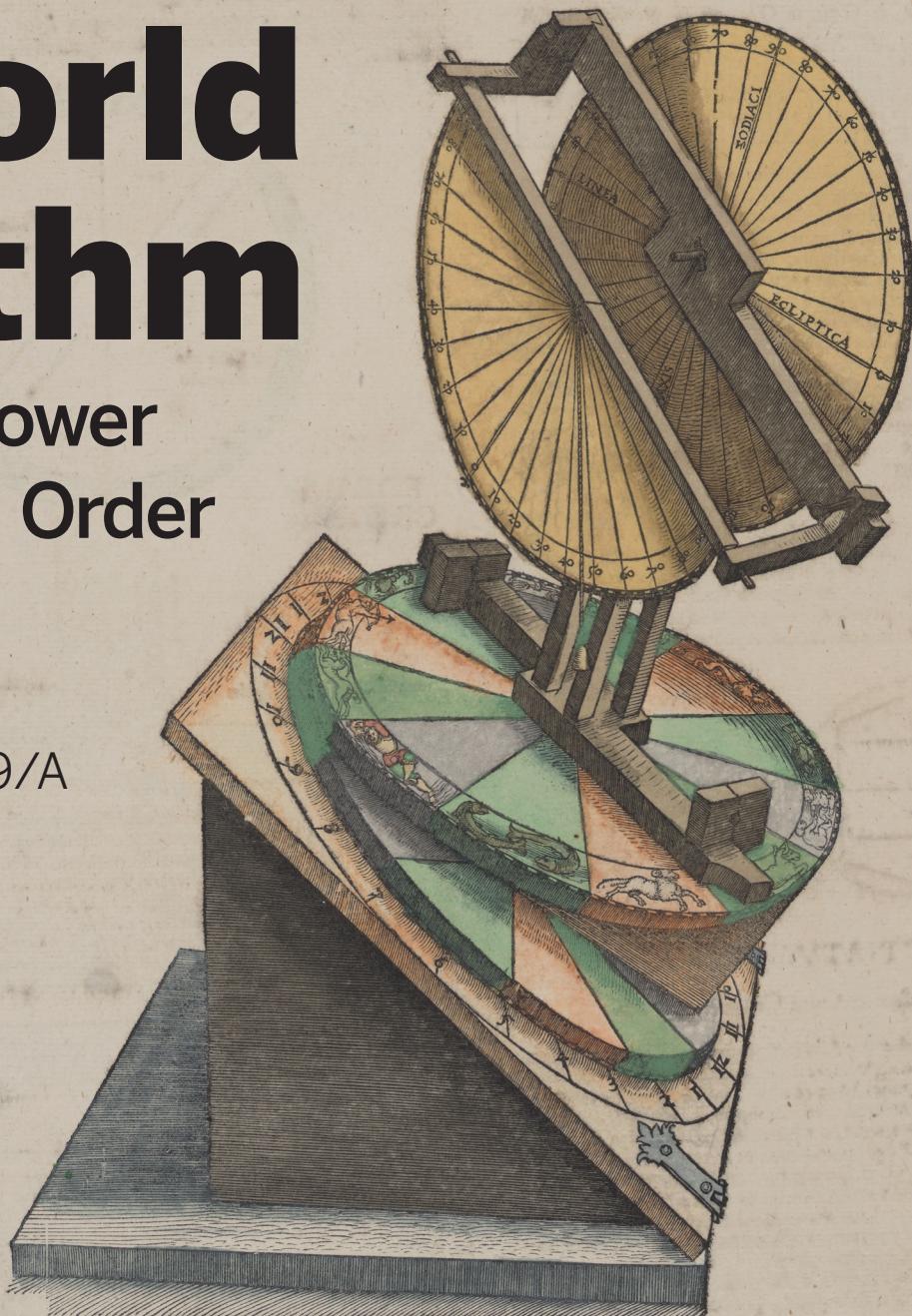
## Knowledge and Power in the New Global Order

2-3 February 2026

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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

**Moira 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 Bensusan** (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

## SESSION VII

Chair: **Emanuele Lepore**

14.30-14.50 **Roberto Nigro** (Leuphana University) *Post-Fordism and Neo-Liberal Governmentality*

14.50-15.10 **Ivan Bouchardieu** (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)