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Metabolic Commons: Against Entropic Zones and the Ecology That War Built

Feminist Political Ecology Workshop

21–22 September 2026

Aula Mario Baratto, Ca' Foscari

Dorsoduro 3246, Venezia

Free and open to the public

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The frameworks governing environmental and climate policy were built out of Cold War military research, colonial field sites and postwar techno-scientific infrastructures. In them life became a thermodynamic process, and competition an ecological inevitability. That inheritance still runs through ecosystem services and carbon accounting, at a moment when rearmament and the green transition are being financed at once.

This workshop takes up the vocabulary of thermodynamics in order to turn it against that inheritance. It follows capital's metabolism through the entropic zones it produces, territories whose social-ecological reserves have been irreversibly depleted by extraction. Read through feminist historical materialism, the gendered division of labour appears as accumulation's template rather than its consequence.

Over two days, thirty speakers work from particular sites and struggles to ask what forms of metabolic commons are already being built from inside entropic zones, and whether commoning takes power or depends on a power it cannot itself produce.

MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

9.30 Introduction

Francesca Tarocco · Roberta Raffaetà

10.00–11.45 PANEL 1

Unsettled Ground

chair Justas Patkauskas

Avi Varma · Christina Chalmers ·
Henrike Kohpeiß · Jeff Diamanti

12.00–13.45 PANEL 2

Cheap Nature and the Unwaged

chair Pietro Daniel Omodeo

Katerina Genidogan · Jason W.
Moore · Ana Teixeira Pinto · Terike
Haapoja

14.45–16.30 PANEL 3 *Accumulation by Armament*

chair Giulia Dal Maso

Antonia Majaca · Philipp Sattler ·
Lorenzo Feltrin · Michaela Büsse

16.45–18.30 PANEL 4

Commons in Contaminated Grounds

chair Jasmine Pisapia

Farah Alkhoury (online) · Morgan
P. Vickers · Aleksei Borisionok ·
Antonio del Giudice

TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

9.30–11.15 PANEL 5

The Productivity of Waste

chair Valentina Bonifacio

Rose-Anne Gush · Monika Halkort
· Imani Jacqueline Brown · Lama El
Khatib & Jule Ulbricht

11.30–13.15 PANEL 6

The Point of Reproduction

chair Roberta Raffaetà

Carina Brand · Andreas Petrossiants ·
Marco Baravalle · Ana Vilenica

14.15–16.00 PANEL 7

In Defense of the Commons

chair Wietske Maas

Maria Chehonadskih · Louise Carver
· Marwa Arsanios · Denise Ferreira da
Silva (online)

16.15–17.30 Closing discussion

Throughout both days: Kellie
O'Dempsey, Drawing the Room