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THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF GREEN-DIGITAL TRANSITION

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Invitation for interviews

The Research Group on Economy, Technology and Society (GETS) at LUT University's Department of Social Sciences is organising the International Workshop & Summer School on the Political Economy of Green-Digital Transition from 4 to 14 June 2024 in the Lappeenranta Campus. We are joined by 16 renowned international scholars as well as young researcher participants from 20 nationalities.

The scholars will address issues related to **ecological aspects of artificial intelligence, digital inequalities, big tech, platform work and energy transition**.

Invited speakers are influential figures in academia, media, policy and activism within their specialisation fields, including interaction with governments, NGOs and international organisations.

We warmly welcome journalists to participate in the event and interviews our guest speakers. The interview time can be coordinated between journalists and the speakers beforehand.

To schedule an interview, please contact GETS leader, Associate Professor **Edemilson Paraná**, LUT Social Sciences: edemilson.parana@lut.fi, +358 504709081.

You can find more information on the workshop and summer school in the following pages and on our website: <https://rgets.org/>

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The International Workshop & Summer School on the Political Economy of Green-Digital Transition is an interdisciplinary event that seeks to unravel the complex relationship between environmental sustainability, digital innovations, and economic restructuring.

With participation of 16 scholars and dozens of students from 20 nationalities, the event will be a vibrant gathering where speakers will share their latest research findings, practical experiences, and policy insights. Together with the young researchers and students, they will explore the complexities of transitioning toward a sustainable and digitally-enabled future. **Policy recommendations are expected as a result.**

Rationale

Recognising the pressing environmental concerns and the pervasive influence of digital technologies, the International Workshop and Summer school explore the green-digital (or twin) transition from a political-economic perspective. We contribute to a rich and multifaceted understanding of sustainable renewal and digitalisation through social sciences research and exchanges.

Key themes

Theoretical and general implications of digitalisation

Geopolitics of AI in the context of the twin transition

Public policies towards the green-digital transition and their limitations

Strategic features of the contemporary green-digital transition

Organisors

The event is organised by the Research Group on Economy, Technology, and Society (GETS) together with the Cyber-Physical Systems Group at LUT University.

GETS adopts a critical social science approach to examining the social and political determinants and impacts of economic change, particularly focusing on cutting-edge digital technologies.

Cyber-Physical Systems Group focuses on different aspects of cyber-physical systems such as data acquisition, signal processing, information and communication theories, and (decentralized) resource management with special attention to applications in energy systems.

Presentation topics

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WORKSHOP 4-6 JUNE

Green-digital Transition through Commons-based Decentralized Planning

Pedro Nardelli, Professor, LUT University, Finland

Rodrigo Santaella, Postdoc researcher, LUT University, Finland

Ecological Planning and the Problem of Knowledge in the Anthropocene

Cedric Durand, Associate Professor, University of Geneva, Switzerland

The Dual Footprint of Artificial Intelligence: Human and Environmental Costs in the Global South

Paola Tubaro, Research Professor, CREST, CNRS-ENSAE, France

Big Tech, the US and Chinese States in the Making of Artificial Intelligence

Cecilia Rikap, Associate Professor, IIPP, University College London, UK

Simulation and Green-Digital Infrastructure Capital

James Steinhoff, Assistant Professor, University College Dublin

SUMMER SCHOOL 10-14 JUNE

Platform Dependence: Towards a Marxist Political Economy Approach

Rafael Grohmann, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Canada

Global and Regional Political Economic Systems and Climatic-ecological Crises

Markus Kröger, Professor, University of Helsinki, Finland

Workers' Right to the Subject: the Social Relations of Data Production

Phoebe Moore, Professor, University of Essex, UK

A Sociology of Interdisciplinarity: Dynamics of Energy Research

Antti Silvast, Associate Professor, LUT University, Finland

Green and Just Transitions through Dirty and Unjust Digital Markets? The Paradoxes and Promises of Knowledge Infrastructures

Malcolm Campbell-Verduyn, Senior Lecturer, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Engaging Citizens in Energy Flexibility: Lessons from Energy Retailers' Response to the 2021-2023 Energy Crises

Salvatore Ruggiero, Associate Professor, LUT University, Finland

The Political Economy of Platform Content Moderation

João C. Magalhães, Assistant Professor, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Big-tech, Micro-media and Climate Industries

Beliz Boni, Head of Communications, Alameda Institute

The Digital Transition of the State and the Risk of New Inequalities

Paolo Gerbaudo, Reader, Kings College London

Speakers and areas of expertise

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Labour, platform and digital economy

Rafael Grohmann, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Canada

Phoebe Moore, Professor, University of Essex, UK

Paola Tubaro, Research Professor, CREST, CNRS-ENSAE, France

Big tech, digital monopoly and macro-economy

Cecilia Rikap, Associate Professor, IIPP, University College London, UK

Cedric Durand, Associate Professor, University of Geneva, Switzerland

Digital money and finance

Malcolm Campbell-Verduyn, Senior Lecturer, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Edemilson Paraná, Associate professor, LUT University, Finland

Artificial intelligence, policy and regulations

James Steinhoff, Assistant Professor, University College Dublin

Cecilia Rikap, Associate Professor, IIPP, University College London, UK

Edemilson Paraná, Associate professor, LUT University, Finland

Rafael Grohmann, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Canada

Social media, disinformation, public sphere, radicalisation

João C. Magalhães, Assistant Professor, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

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