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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**

**Public policies towards the green-digital transition and their limitations**

**Geopolitics of AI in the context of the twin transition**

**Strategic features of the contemporary green-digital transition**

## Organisers

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

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**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.

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**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

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### ***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

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### ***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

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#### **Labour, platform and digital economy**

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**Rafael Grohmann**, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Canada

**Phoebe Moore**, Professor, University of Essex, UK

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

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#### **Big tech, digital monopoly and macro-economy**

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

**Cedric Durand**, Associate Professor, University of Geneva, Switzerland

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#### **Digital money and finance**

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

**Edemilson Paraná**, Associate professor, LUT University, Finland

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#### **Artificial intelligence, policy and regulations**

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**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

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#### **Social media, disinformation, public sphere, radicalisation**

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



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