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Programme

Tuesday 15th July, morning session

- 09:15 - Welcome addresses
  Giancarlo Graziola, Head of the Department
  Mario Cingoli, University of Milano Bicocca
  Peter Thomas, Historical Materialism
- 09:30 - Howard Engelskirchen (Iowa State University, USA)
  The Grundrisse’s Grundbestimmung: Capital in General's Fundamental Determination
- 11:00 - coffee break
- 11:30 - Zaira Vieira (University of Paris X / Nanterre, France)
  The universal individuality in the Grundrisse
- 13:00 - end of the morning session

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- 15:00 - Andrew Brown (Leeds University Business School, UK)
  Materialism, Spinozism and Dialectics: E.V. Ilyenkov on why 'material production' is the 'object before us' at the outset of Marx's Grundrisse
- 16:30 - coffee break
- 17:00 - Patrick Murray (Creighton University, Omaha, USA)
  The Development of Marx's Value-Form Theory in the Grundrisse: Reflections on Backhaus
- 18:30 - end of the afternoon session

Wednesday 16th July, morning session
• 09:30 - Martha Campbell (SUNY Postdam, USA)
  *Marx’s Transition from Simple Circulation to Capital: A Comparison of the Grundrisse, Urtext and Capital, Volume 1*
• 11:00 - coffee break
• 11:30 - Christopher J. Arthur (University of Sussex, UK)
  *The practical truth of abstract labour*
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**Wednesday 16th July, afternoon session**

• 15:00 - Massimiliano Tomba (University of Padua, Italy)
  *Pre-Capitalistic Forms of Production and Primitive Accumulation. Marx's Historiography from the Grundrisse to Capital*
• 16:30 - coffee break
• 17:00 - On the financial crisis
  Interventions of Fred Moseley and Riccardo Bellofiore
• 18:30 - end of the afternoon session

**Thursday 17th July, morning session**

• 09:30 - Fred Moseley (Mount Holyoke College, USA)
  *The Whole and the Parts. The Beginning of Marx's Theory of the Distribution of Surplus-Value in the Grundrisse*
• 11:00 - coffee break
• 11:30 - Guido Starosta (University of Manchester, UK & Historical Materialism)
  *The system of machinery and the social and material determinations of revolutionary subjectivity in the Grundrisse and Capital*
• 13:00 - end of the morning session

**Thursday 17th July, afternoon session**

• 15:00 - Tony Smith (Iowa State University, USA)
  *The Role of the General Intellect in Marx's Grundrisse and Beyond*
• 16:30 - coffee break
• 17:00 - Geert Reuten (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands) & Peter Thomas (Historical Materialism)
  *From the 'fall of the rate of profit' in the Grundrisse to the cyclical development of the profit rate in Capital: a fundamental change in Marx's notion of the capitalist mode of production*
• 18:30 - end of the afternoon session

**Friday 18th July, morning session**

• 09:30 - Roberto Fineschi (University of Siena, Italy)
  *Can we consider the Grundrisse the dialectically most developed version of Marx's theory of Capital?*
• 11:00 - coffee break
• 11:30 - Riccardo Bellofiore (University of Bergamo, Italy)
  *The Grundrisse after Capital, or how to re-read Marx backwards*
• 13:00 - end of conference

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