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International Conference on
Critical Applied Psychology

Capitalism, Crisis, Critique & Change

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08:30-09:00		MORNING COFFEE			
09:00-10:00		Keynote 1 (S. Hornung)	Keynote 4 (F. Kössler)	Keynote 7 (E. Leonardi)	
10:00-10:30	Pre- Conf. Work- shop 1	COFFEE BREAK			Anti-Fascist Citytour
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12:00-12:15		SHORT BREAK			Coffee Break & Poster Session
12:15-13:15		Keynote 2 (N. Gerard)	Keynote 5 (S. Hürtgen)		
13:15-14:30			LUNCH BREAK		
14:30-16:00	Pre- Conf. Work- shop 2	Sessions 5 - 8	Session 13 – 16	Session 21 – 23	
16:00-16:30		COFFEE BREAK			
16:30-17:30		Keynote 3 (A. Carrerri)	Keynote 6 (I. Parker)	Panel Debate 3	
17:30-19:00		Panel Debate 1	Panel Debate 2		

MONDAY, 13 JULY

Pre-Conference Workshop #1

1. The Neoliberal University Is Ill: What Possibilities for Change? (Luca P. Vecchio, Matteo Antonini, Chiara Corvino, Laura Galuppo, Mara Gorli)

Pre-Conference Workshop #2

2. De-Neoliberalizing the Subject: Workshopping a Practice- and Arts-based Approach to Critical Self-making (Nilima Chowdhury)

TUESDAY, 14 JULY

Keynote #01 – S. Hornung (University of Innsbruck)

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished - Conceptions, Contestations, and Contradictions of Critical Applied Psychology

Session #01 – Politics and Psychology

3. "Kiss up, Kick Down": How Precarious Work and Implicit Power Motive Shape Right-Wing Authoritarianism and Voting Decision in Favor of Right-Wing Parties (Stefan Diestel, Filiz Meidrodt, Severin Hornung, Darlin Engstle, Wladislaw Rivkin)
4. Neoliberalism As a Myth? The Neoliberal Concept of »the Market« and the Right-Wing Extremist Concept of »the People« (Walter Oetsch)
5. The New Authoritarian Personality: A Comparative Study of Germany and Brazil (David Jäger, Arthur Bueno)
6. How Did LGBTQIA+ Persons Experience the 2025 German Governmental Election? An Exploratory Qualitative Study on Political Anxiety (Vanessa Kulcar, Antonia Haumayr, Sherin Matthes)

Session #02 – Critical Counselling

7. Reclaiming Yoga in Counselling Psychology: Neoliberal Capitalism, Epistemic Injustice, and Decolonisation Through a Hindu Lens (Chhavi Kohli)
8. Counselling Psychology and Social Justice Within a Neoliberal Context: Beyond an Uncomfortable Fit? (Fern Sleeman)
9. (Self-)Critical Listening and Narrative Re-Authoring As Anti-Discriminatory Crisis Support at RUF24 (Elisabeth Fessler, Manuela Ditzen)

Session #03 – Fundamentals of Critical Psychology 1

10. Thought and Action in Politics. On the Relevance of Hannah Arendt's Political Philosophy for Critical Social Psychology (Ralph Sichler)
11. Understanding the Discourse of Resilience Within Neoliberal Subjectivity: Precarity and Collective Solidarity (Öykü Kuran, Reşit Kışlıoğlu)
12. Subjectivity in the Labour Process – Theoretical Approaches to the Integration of Work, Psyche, and Society (Daniel Roose, Leon Höfer, Thomas Höge, Severin Hornung)
13. Labour Process Theory and German Critical Psychology: Towards a Relational Re-Examination (Leon Höfer, Daniel Roose, Thomas Höge, Severin Hornung)

Session #04 – Critical Sustainability 1

14. Florestania: Decolonizing Neoliberal Climate Citizenship and Examining the Transformational Alternative From the Global South (Minh Thu Nguyen)
15. "Impacta más la industria que la naturaleza" - Risk Perception of Natural Hazards From More-Than-Human Perspectives Using the Example of Aysén Fjord in Patagonia (Chile) (Danny Tröger)
16. Notions of Sufficient Consumption: "What Do You Perceive As Enough Goods and Services?" (Anne Kraudi, Ernest Aigner)
17. On Violence and Collective Action: A Pressing Tension in Environmental Activism (Nicolas Grevesse, Edina Dóci)

Keynote #02 – N. Gerard (California State University Long Beach)

The Critic and the Unconscious: Exploring the Work of Critique, the Critique of Work, and the Working-Through of the Critic in (and of) Applied Psychology

Session #05 – Neoliberal Subjectivities

18. Power and the Production of Subjects in the Genesis of Capitalism (Jonas Oßwald)
19. The Architecture of Submission: Unconscious Mechanisms of Conformism and Resistance (Margarita Coosemans)
20. An Ideology of Indifference – How Neoliberalism Creates a Lack of Sympathy for "Losers" (Mattis Hein, Guido Hertel)

21. How to Quantify the Neoliberal Subject: A Comparative Review of Psychological Measures of Neoliberal Internalization
(Konrad Bernshausen, Thomas Höge, Christine Unterrainer, Severin Hornung)

Session #06 – Emancipatory Therapy

22. CBT, Power, and the Therapeutic Relationship: Towards a Humanistically Oriented Response to Crisis
(Ishba Rehman, Andre Etchebarne, Terry Hanley)
23. Emancipatory Psychotherapy in the Context of War, Crises and Capitalism
(Julian Dicks)
24. Toward Psychotherapy Beyond Individualism: Models of Health and Practice
(Juliane Sim)

Session #07 – Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

25. Caregiving Without Sovereignty: Nannyng and the Burden of Substitute Parenting (Parisa Dashtipour)
26. Workplace Bullying as Inequality: The Lived Experiences of Transgender Employees (Ernesto Noronha, Premilla D’Cruz)
27. Collective Reflexivity As Deliberative Practice. We Shape Our Buildings; Afterwards Buildings Shape Us (Bjørn Z. Ekelund, Fred Steier, Joanne Barnes)
28. “You Can’t Save the World”: Value-Abjection and Subjectivation in Outpatient Care and the Growing Power of Capitalist Logics in Care Work
(Lux Yoani Lenz)

Session #08 – Symposium: Understanding, Researching and Resisting Violence: Ethico-Onto-Epistemological Perspectives

Chair: Chiara Corvino

29. Violence of Capitalism: Systemic Sacred Undeads Homines at Work
(Chiara Corvino, Matthijs P. Bal, Francesco Tommasi)
30. From Minority Protection to Structural Violence: Language, Education and Inequality in South Tyrol (Georgia Andreolli, Nadja Thoma)
31. Concepts in Motion: Epistemic Violence As an Assessment of the Significance and Consequence of Theoretical Knowledge
(Armando Toscano, Severin Hornung)

Keynote #03 – A. Carreri (University of Verona)

Feminist, Engaged, and Response-Able Ways of Writing and Interacting With the Field in Critical Organization Studies

WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY

Keynote #04 – F. Kößler (Leuphana University Lüneburg)

On Shaky, Unequal Grounds: a Psychology of Crisis

Session #09 - Fundamentals of Critical Psychology 2

- 32. From Critique to Praxis: Toward Psycho-Political Programs in Critical Psychology (Laya Hooshyari)
- 33. Concerning the Ontological Basis of the Current Paradigmatic Crisis (Irina Mironenko)
- 34. Applied Psychology As a Critical Praxis: a Deleuzian Reading of Royal and Nomad Sciences (Zed Zhipeng Gao)
- 35. 'The retrogression of society runs parallel to the retrogression of thought about it' (Adorno): The Crisis of Critique, the Eclipse of the Subversive Reason and the Question of Social Constitution (Christos Memos)

Session #10 – Neoliberalism & Health

- 36. Me, My Nervous System and I. On the Reproduction of Neoliberal Psychopolitics Within Contemporary Popular Neuroscience and Neurodiversity Discourses (Tove Gersitz)
- 37. Beyond Self-Care: Collective Sources of Psychological Resilience in an Age of Crisis (Edina Dóci)
- 38. Depression and Resilience in Emerging Adults in Mozambique: A Quantitative Analysis of Risk and Protective Factors (Luke Griles, Carla Moleiro)
- 39. Redundant? Academic Identities, Wellbeing, and the UK Higher Education Crisis (Maria Kordowicz)

Session #11 – Marginalized Work

- 40. Adaptation Through Defense, Defense Through Adaptation – On the Damaged Subjectivity of Migrant Workers and the Reproduction of Racism (Yannic Wexenberger)

41. Moral Perception and Justification of Platform Workers Amidst Moral Ambiguity of Account Subleasing (Hanh Doan)
42. Why Consumer Boycotts Don't Work in Poland? Discourse Analysis (Alicja Dudek)
43. Social Alienation - Thought Forms of Capitalistic Dehumanisation (Wolfgang G. Weber, Christine Unterrainer, Thomas Höge, Severin Hornung)

Session #12 – Workshop: Diversity Icebreaker

44. Diversity Icebreaker - An Experiential Learning Process Focusing on Individual Differences Relevant for Collaboration and Innovation (Bjørn Z. Ekelund)

Keynote #05 – S. Hürtgen (University of Salzburg)

Capitalist Exploitation From the Standpoint of the Subject: the Labour-Nature-Society Nexus Reflected With Critical Psychology

Session #13 – Fundamentals of Critical Psychology 3

45. On the Concept of Instituting Psychology (Jean Nikola Cudina)
46. Signs and Reproduction. Ethos and Capitalist Modernity in a Critical Theory From the Americas (Stefan Gandler)
47. Changes in the Organization of Work and Psychological Practices: Psychologists Amid Labor Transformations, 1996–2020 (Hernan Camilo Pulido-Martinez, Daniel Camilo Palacios-Medina, Kelly Natali Coca-Peña)

Session #14 – Neoliberal Organisations

48. “Performance Is What Counts Here” – An Exploration of the Neoliberal Organizational Climate (Christine Unterrainer, Thomas Höge, Severin Hornung)
49. Abstract Corporations and Concrete Persons: A Marriage Not Necessarily Made in Heaven (Martin Morf)
50. Machiavellianism As a Link Between Perceived Neoliberalism, Unethical Behavior and Emotional Exhaustion (Filiz Meidrodt, Stefan Diestel, Wladislaw Rivkin)
51. The Life-World and the Psychologist As an Authoritative Figure: a Scientist-Humanist Alternative (Konstantinos Kontis)

Session #15 – Work Orientations in Neoliberalism

- 52. Paradox of Calling: Why Freelance Journalists Continue to Devote Themselves to the Cause? (Anabel Cossette Civitella, Samuel Lamoureux)
- 53. Human-Robot Collaboration in Front-of-House Restaurants: Implications for Human Staff (Premilla D'Cruz, Ernesto Noronha)
- 54. Leisure Crafting: A Critical Review (Lotta Harju, Kang Leng Ho)
- 55. Careers: A Critical Dialectical Review (Katharina Chudzikowski, Alexandra Bristow, Nadia DeGama, Oliver Ratle, Sarah Robinson)

Session #16 – Workshop: Right-Wing Radicalism and Emancipation in Therapy

- 56. Right-Wing Radicalism and Emancipation in Therapy: A Subject-Scientific Perspective on Learning From Therapeutic Challenges (Peter Brook)

Keynote #06 – I. Parker (Discourse Unit; University of Leicester)

Dialectical Methodological Critique of Applied Psychology

THURSDAY, 16 JULY

Keynote #07 – E. Leonardi (University of Bologna)

Eco-Social Convergence in Europe: From Working-Class Environmentalism to Climate Justice

Session #17 – Organisational Participation & Democracy

- 57. Cycles of Organizational Democracy: A Systems Theory Rereading of Degeneration (Mengyao (Angel) Yang, Alessia Contu)
- 58. Labour and Democratic Values at Work and Beyond (Annette Kluge, Manfred Wannöffel)
- 59. Reworking a Typology of Democratic Organizations: A Review and Integration of the Literature (Benjamin Lum, Christine Unterrainer, Wolfgang G. Weber, Thomas Höge, Severin Hornung)
- 60. Pseudo-Participation: Conceptualization and Empirical Results on Manipulative Involvement Practices in Organizations (Thomas Höge, Christine Unterrainer, Severin Hornung)

Session #18 – Collective Agency

- 61. Resisting the Passive Voice: Citizens' Agency in the Face of Ideological Pacification (Sona Manusyan)
- 62. Discernment As a Shared Skill: Critique-in-Action in Times of Capitalist Crises (Anna Saave)
- 63. The Mouraria Archive: A Critical Psychosocial Approach to Emplaced Social Justice Under Urban Transformation (Maria Alba, Susana Batel, Andrés Di Masso)

Session #19 – Higher Education

- 64. The Curriculum As the Key: Are Fachhochschulen a Threat to or a Solution for a More Humanistic Working Environment? (Julia Schöllbauer)
- 65. Drivers of Students' Employment Relationship Frames: How is Social Background Linked to Pluralism in HRM Education? (Sabine Bösl)
- 66. Career Development Amid Precarious Employment Conditions: A Qualitative Study on Early Career Academics at Austrian Universities (Lisa Seubert, Lisa Reinstadler, Severin Hornung, Bernadette Kofler, Iris Kahn, Christian Seubert)
- 67. Neoliberalisation and Academic Careers: A Qualitative Study from Austria (Anja Hofmair, Severin Hornung)

Session #20 – Critical Sustainability 2

- 68. Caring for a Multispecies Community in Consumer Society? Questions of Commodification and Alienation in an Eco-Social Context (Reingard Spanring)
- 69. Historical Knowledge As Reality Attunement: Colonial Memory Predicts Climate Justice Understanding (Sascha Kuhn, Syed Mohammad Omar, Glenn Adam)
- 70. Politics of Feeling: How Emotions and Structures Co-Shape Civic Engagement in Social Innovations for Sustainable Consumption (Mia Gesa Lehn, Julia Fülling)

Session #21 – Organizing & Unions

- 71. Organizing Work Solidarity in Search of "Alternative" Approaches: the Italian Experience (Irene Garigali, Laura Galuppo, Marta Piria, Andrea Bonanomi)

72. The Impact of Changing Meanings of Work on Trade Union Representation in Italy (Matteo Antonini, Laura Galuppo, Silvio Ripamonti)

73. How Labor Movement Uses New Technologies In Organizing? Opportunities and Challenges (Joanna Grzymala-Moszczyńska)

Session #22 – Leadership & Social Relationships

74. Fromm's Radical Humanism As a Bridge Between Social Inequality Research and Leadership Studies (Thomas Kühn)

75. Promoting Sustainability in Organizations: Exploring the Deep Subjective Experiences of Top Managers (Luca P. Vecchio, Laura Galuppo)

76. The Dark Side of Inter-Organizational Relationships: A Micro Level Conceptualization (Nora Thorsteinsen Toft, Mari Svendsen)

Session #23 – Public Services

77. Analysis of how Historical Factors Influence the Subjectivity of Primary School Teachers in Cambodia Regarding Their Present Jobs (Sohoan Heng)

78. Between Passion and Precarity: How Young Austrian Teachers Navigate Structural Insecurity (Christian Seubert, Christina Weissenböck, Lisa Seubert, Severin Hornung)

79. The State at Stake: When Mobility Takes on the Psycho-Economic Cost of Representation (Vincent-Frédéric Gascon)

80. Temporal Organization of Hospital Work and Psychological Health: Rethinking Job Resources From a Critical JD-R Perspective (Ahmed Khaoudi, Soufian Azouaghe)

Poster Session

81. Disentangling Talent: Uncovering Implicit Assumptions and Proposing Future Research Lines (Sanne Nijs)

82. Moral Disengagement in Sustainability-Related Value-Action Conflicts Across the Plastics Industry: A Qualitative Study of Employees (Sabrina Schopf, Barbara Stiglbauer)

83. Negotiating Power and Belonging: Role Conflict and Identity Struggles in Early-Career Middle Managers (Max Kraus, Nick Altenburger, Dilara Bulut, Jochen Lavall, Leo Pöschl, Lion Tegeder, Severin Hornung)

84. Before We Transform the World: Hubris and the Unexamined Organisational Psychologist (Jeffrey Bagrain)
85. The Acceptance of Vulnerability - an Exploratory Scale (Sonja Schottner, Heiko Mikolajczak)
86. Gender Differences in Eco-Emotions: The Role of Emotional Competencies in Daily Perceptions of Environmental Crisis (Annalena Schroeder, Gerhard Reese, Nicole Hardt)
87. The Effect of Neoliberal Beliefs on the Perception of Forced Migrants (Mattis Hein, Guido Hertel)
88. Pino-Chat: Why the Dictator Still Has a Say in Spatial Planning in Chile and What Germany Has to Do With It - Explained by Trees (Danny Tröger)
89. "But whoever is not willing to talk about neoliberalism should also keep quiet about right-wing populism" – On Neoliberal Ideological Beliefs and Political Attitudes (Thomas Höge, Christine Unterrainer, Severin Hornung)