

International Conference on Critical Applied Psychology (ICCAP_2026)
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
10:30-12:00		Sessions 1 – 4	Sessions 9 - 12	Sessions 17 – 20	
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			Hiking to Rauschbrunnen
14:30-16:00		Pre- Conf. Work- shop 2 +3	Sessions 5 - 8	Session 13 – 16	
16:00-16:30			Coffee Break		
16:30-17:30			Keynote 3 (A. Carrerri)	Keynote 6 (I. Parker)	Keynote 8 (S. Bazana)
17:30-19:00		Panel Debate 1	Panel Debate 2	Panel Debate 3	

DISCLAIMER: THIS PROGRAM IS PRELIMINARY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGES. SESSIONS MIGHT NEED TO BE REARRANGED IN CASE OF CANCELLATIONS. PLEASE CHECK BACK FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE VERSION.

Day 0 - 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)

Pre-Conference Workshop #3

3. Inhabiting Borders: A Body-Based Experience of Positioning and Critical Awareness (Chiara Destefanis, Lorenzo Soprani, Beatrice Rebecca Volta, Silvia Pescatore, Francesco Tommasi)

Day 1 - 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

4. "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)
5. Resilience and Conspiracy Mindset As Techniques of Psychological Governance in Times of Crisis (Anna Eva Andersen)
6. Neoliberalism As a Myth? The Neoliberal Concept of »the Market« and the Right-Wing Extremist Concept of »the People« (Walter Oetsch)
7. The New Authoritarian Personality: A Comparative Study of Germany and Brazil (David Jäger, Arthur Bueno)

Session #02 – Critical Counselling

8. Reclaiming Yoga in Counselling Psychology: Neoliberal Capitalism, Epistemic Injustice, and Decolonisation Through a Hindu Lens (Chhavi Kohli)

9. Counselling Psychology and Social Justice Within a Neoliberal Context: Beyond an Uncomfortable Fit? (Fern Sleeman)
10. She Should Always Care: Maternal Ideals and the Politics of Empathy in Counselling Psychology (Janvi Khurana)
11. (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

12. Thought and Action in Politics. On the Relevance of Hannah Arendt's Political Philosophy for Critical Social Psychology (Ralph Sichler)
13. Understanding the Discourse of Resilience Within Neoliberal Subjectivity: Precarity and Collective Solidarity (Öykü Kuran, Reşit Kışlıoğlu)
14. Subjectivity in the Labour Process – Theoretical Approaches to the Integration of Work, Psyche, and Society (Daniel Roose, Leon Höfer, Thomas Höge, Severin Hornung)
15. 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

16. Florestania: Decolonizing Neoliberal Climate Citizenship and Examining the Transformational Alternative From the Global South (Minh Thu Nguyen)
17. "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)
18. Notions of Sufficient Consumption: "What Do You Perceive As Enough Goods and Services?" (Anne Kraudi, Ernest Aigner)
19. 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

20. Power and the Production of Subjects in the Genesis of Capitalism (Jonas Oßwald)
21. The Architecture of Submission: Unconscious Mechanisms of Conformism and Resistance (Margarita Coosemans)
22. The Neutralization of Critique: How Reification at Work Sustains Capitalism (Mirela Ivanova)
23. An Ideology of Indifference – How Neoliberalism Creates a Lack of Sympathy for “Losers” (Mattis Hein, Guido Hertel)

Session #06 – Emancipatory Therapy

24. CBT, Power, and the Therapeutic Relationship: Towards a Humanistically Oriented Response to Crisis (Ishba Rehman, Andre Etchebarne, Terry Hanley)
25. Emancipatory Psychotherapy in the Context of War, Crises and Capitalism (Julian Dicks)
26. Helping and Valorization: The "Dual Functionality" of Psychotherapeutic Practice in Rehabilitation – A Critical Analysis Between Subjective Well-Being and the Restoration of Labor Power (Bradley Fix)
27. Toward Psychotherapy Beyond Individualism: Models of Health and Practice (Juliane Sim)

Session #07 – Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

28. Caregiving Without Sovereignty: Nannyism and the Burden of Substitute Parenting (Parisa Dashtipour)
29. Workplace Bullying as Inequality: The Lived Experiences of Transgender Employees (Ernesto Noronha, Premilla D’Cruz)
30. Collective Reflexivity As Deliberative Practice. We Shape Our Buildings; Afterwards Buildings Shape Us (Bjørn Z. Ekelund, Fred Steier, Joanne Barnes)
31. “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 and Art-Based Practices

Chairs: Francesco Tommasi, Chiara Corvino

32. Violence of Capitalism: Systemic Sacred Undeads Homines at Work (Chiara Corvino, Matthijs P. Bal, Francesco Tommasi)
33. Violence and the Facade of Regulatory Practices in Public Academia: Witnessing and Resonating for Resistance (Francesco Tommasi)
34. Inhabiting Borders Part 2: A Body-Based Experience of Positioning and Critical Awareness (Chiara Destefanis, Lorenzo Soprani, Beatrice Rebecca Volta, Silvia Pescatore)
35. From Minority Protection to Structural Violence: Language, Education and Inequality in South Tyrol (Georgia Andreolli, Nadja Thoma)
36. 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

Day 2 - Wednesday, 15 July

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

On Shaky, Unequal Grounds: a Psychology of Crisis

Session #09 - Fundamentals of Critical Psychology 2

37. From Critique to Praxis: Toward Psycho-Political Programs in Critical Psychology (Laya Hooshyari)
38. Concerning the Ontological Basis of the Current Paradigmatic Crisis (Irina Mironenko)
39. Applied Psychology As a Critical Praxis: a Deleuzian Reading of Royal and Nomad Sciences (Zed Zhipeng Gao)
40. '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

41. Me, My Nervous System and I. On the Reproduction of Neoliberal Psychopolitics Within Contemporary Popular Neuroscience and Neurodiversity Discourses (Tove Gersitz)
42. Emotional Pillars of Advanced Capitalist Oppression and Mass Suffering (Serdar M. Değirmencioğlu)
43. Beyond Self-Care: Collective Sources of Psychological Resilience in an Age of Crisis (Edina Dóci)
44. Depression and Resilience in Emerging Adults in Mozambique: A Quantitative Analysis of Risk and Protective Factors (Luke Griles, Carla Moleiro)

Session #11 – Marginalized Work

45. Delimitation and Identification in Logistics Warehouses: Preliminary Results From an Ethnographic Study (Mareike Biesel)
46. Adaptation Through Defense, Defense Through Adaptation – On the Damaged Subjectivity of Migrant Workers and the Reproduction of Racism (Yannic Wexenberg)
47. Moral Perception and Justification of Platform Workers Amidst Moral Ambiguity of Account Subleasing (Hanh Doan)
48. Social Alienation - Thought Forms of Capitalistic Dehumanisation (Wolfgang G. Weber, Christine Unterrainer, Thomas Höge, Severin Hornung)

Session #12 – Workshop: Diversity Icebreaker

49. 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

50. On the Concept of Instituting Psychology (Jean Nikola Cudina)

51. The Possibility of Critique After the Decentering of the Subject
(Sebastian Rösel)

52. Signs and Reproduction. Ethos and Capitalist Modernity in a Critical Theory
From the Americas (Stefan Gandler)

53. 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

54. “Performance Is What Counts Here” – An Exploration of the Neoliberal
Organizational Climate
(Christine Unterrainer, Thomas Höge, Severin Hornung)

55. Abstract Corporations and Concrete Persons: A Marriage Not Necessarily
Made in Heaven (Martin Morf)

56. Machiavellianism As a Link Between Perceived Neoliberalism, Unethical
Behavior and Emotional Exhaustion
(Filiz Meidrodt, Stefan Diestel, Wladislaw Rivkin)

57. The Life-World and the Psychologist As an Authoritative Figure: a Scientist-
Humanist Alternative (Konstantinos Kontis)

Session #15 – Work Orientations in Neoliberalism

58. Paradox of Calling: Why Freelance Journalists Continue to Devote
Themselves to the Cause? (Anabel Cossette Civitella, Samuel Lamoureux)

59. Unifying and Measuring Work Values: A Critical, Theory-Driven Approach to
Values at Work (Jannick Schneider, Marcel Kern, Timo Lorenz)

60. Human-Robot Collaboration in Front-of-House Restaurants: Implications for
Human Staff (Premilla D'Cruz, Ernesto Noronha)

61. Leisure Crafting: A Critical Review (Lotta Harju, Kang Leng Ho)

62. 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

63. 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

Day 3 - 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

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

Session #18 – Collective Agency

- 68. Resisting the Passive Voice: Citizens' Agency in the Face of Ideological Pacification (Sona Manusyan)
- 69. Why Consumer Boycotts Don't Work in Poland? Discourse Analysis (Alicja Dudek)
- 70. Discernment As a Shared Skill: Critique-in-Action in Times of Capitalist Crises (Anna Saave)
- 71. 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

- 72. The Curriculum As the Key: Are Fachhochschulen a Threat to or a Solution for a More Humanistic Working Environment? (Julia Schöllbauer)

73. Drivers of Students' Employment Relationship Frames: How is Social Background Linked to Pluralism in HRM Education? (Sabine Bösl)

74. 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)

75. Redundant? Academic Identities, Wellbeing, and the UK Higher Education Crisis (Maria Kordowicz)

Session #20 – Critical Sustainability 2

76. From Place-Protective Imaginaries to Representing Alternative Energy Futures: A Report From a Portuguese "Sacrifice Zone" (Ross Wallace)

77. Caring for a Multispecies Community in Consumer Society? Questions of Commodification and Alienation in an Eco-Social Context (Reingard Spannring)

78. Historical Knowledge As Reality Attunement: Colonial Memory Predicts Climate Justice Understanding (Sascha Kuhn, Syed Mohammad Omar, Glenn Adam)

79. 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

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

81. Researching For, With, and About Trade Unions – A Systematic Review of Psychological Research in German-speaking Countries (Britta Wittner)

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

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

Session #22 – Leadership

84. Role of Bodies in Women Leadership (Nyla Ansari)

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

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

87. "A White Lady Coming to a Black Township School": Race, Leadership, and School Turnaround (Sesonasipho Yedwa, Sandiso Banzana)

Session #23 – Public Services

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

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

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

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

Session #24 – N.N.

Keynote #08 – S. Bazana (Rhodes University)

Postcolonial and Decolonial Work Psychology: What We're Really Naming - Redress and Redemptive Moral Violence at Work

Poster Session

92. Critical Empathy in Trauma-Informed Teaching: Linking Recognition, Empathic Awareness, and Structural Responses (Hsiu-I Hsueh, Li-Ming Chen, Chih-Pin Hsing)

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

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

95. 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)
96. Before We Transform the World: Hubris and the Unexamined Organisational Psychologist (Jeffrey Bagrain)
97. The Acceptance of Vulnerability - an Exploratory Scale (Sonja Schottner, Heiko Mikolajczak)
98. The Experiences of LGBTQIA+ Employees in South African Higher Education Institutions (Boipelo Madito)
99. Gender Differences in Eco-Emotions: The Role of Emotional Competencies in Daily Perceptions of Environmental Crisis (Annalena Schroeder, Gerhard Reese, Nicole Hardt)
100. The Effect of Neoliberal Beliefs on the Perception of Forced Migrants (Mattis Hein, Guido Hertel)
101. 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)
102. The Art of Being Wrong: An Integrative Ecosystem Model for Fostering Intellectual Humility (Lisa Hartke)
103. "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)