



Workshop Program

**“Europe in a Fragmented World: Rearmament,
Geopolitical shifts and the Struggle for Socio-
Economic Alternatives”**

10 – 12 September 2026, Oxford/UK

Oxford Brookes University

Parallel sessions

Rooms:

JHB 201, JHB 202, JHB 203, JHB 204, JHB 205

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09:00-16:00



Workshop 1. Geopolitical shifts, war and peace

Chair: Judith Delheim

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Room: JHB 201

9:00-12:00. Geopolitical shifts

1. **Jacques Mazier** (University Sorbonne Paris North), **Pascal Petit** (University Sorbonne Paris North) – From a bipolar world to the revival of multilateralism: Difficult but necessary paths of adjustment
2. **Aris Ioannis Papadopoulos** (ENA Institute for alternative policies) – From trade to geopolitics: EU-Latin America relations in the era of fragmentation
3. **Judith Delheim** (Rosa Luxemburg Foundation) – A German EU, a German Europe?

13:00-16:00. Sovereignty, militarization, war and peace

4. **Josef Mühlbauer** (University of Graz) – European Union strategic autonomy between sovereignty and imperial reproduction
5. **Anton Filipenko** (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv) – The political economy of war and peace



Workshop 2. Labour inequalities and welfare

Chairs: **Anne Eydoux** (Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Paris/France; EuroMemoGroup; anne.eydoux@lecnam.net) **and** **Maria Karamessini** (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens/Greece; EuroMemoGroup; mariakarames@gmail.com)

Room: JHB 202

9:00-12:00. Labour inequalities and labour power

1. **Konstantinos Loulakis** (Independent Researcher)– From uncertainty to concentration: Corporate growth strategies and labour power in Europe
2. **Maria Symeonaki** (Panteion University of social and political sciences) *et al.* – Gender occupational segregation and labour market inequalities in the UK: Evidence from horizontal and vertical dimensions
3. **Zoi Gkindi** (Panteion University of social and political sciences)– Non-compliance with Social Security Legislation and the Role of Control Mechanisms: The Dialectical Evolution of Forms of Non-compliance in Relation to the Evolution of the Institutional Control Framework

13:00-16:00. Where is social Europe heading?

4. **Anne Eydoux** (Cnam Paris, Lise-CNRS et CEET), **Maria Karamessini** (Panteion University of social and political sciences) – European social policies in times of deregulation: Contrasted trends, alternative scenarios and resisting strategies
5. **Efstratios Adalis** (Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences) – Addressing structural labour shortages in Greece: Between European tools and national priorities?



Workshop 3. Financialization, macro and monetary dynamics

Chairs: **Stefanos Ioannou** (Oxford Brookes University; p0092113@brookes.ac.uk; sioannou@brookes.ac.uk) **and Marica Frangakis** (Nikos Poulantzas Institute, Athens/Greece; EuroMemo Group; frangaki@otenet.gr)

Room: JHB 203

9:00-12:00. New waves of financialization and democratic alternatives

1. **Christian Koutny** (University of Hertfordshire), **Hulya Dagdeviren** (University of Hertfordshire) – The new wave of financialization
2. **Stefanos Ioannou** (Oxford Brookes University), **Andrea Sonea** (Oxford Brookes University), **Dariusz Wójcik** (University of Singapore) – Regional financial development and growth in the UK
3. **Stanislav Jurčičin** (ISREP, Bardejov, Slovakia) – Macroeconomic Democracy as a framework for long-term growth: Resolving $r > g$ dynamics within the model of cooperativism

13:00-16:00. Macro and monetary dynamics: Economic and social challenges

4. **Marica Frangakis** (Nikos Poulantzas Institute) – The implications of strengthening the international role of the Euro
5. **Arturo Hermann** (Italian National Institute of Statistics) – Neoliberalism, institutional and Keynesian analysis of the market: Implications for the EU's development and cohesion policies



Workshop 4. Industrial policy and socio-ecological transformation

Chairs: **Ronan O'Brien** (Independent Researcher; EuroMemo Group; ronanob@skynet.be) and **Johannes Jäger** (University of Applied Sciences BFI, Vienna/Austria; EuroMemo Group; Johannes.Jaeger@fh-vie.ac.at)

Room: JHB 204

9:00-12:00. Socio-ecological transformation: Public policies and strategic sectors

1. **Sotiris Petrou** (ENA Institute for alternative policies) – Rearmament and critical raw material vs. social and green transformation. A definition of EU security
2. **Costas Mylonas** (ENA Institute for alternative policies) – Liberalized energy markets and the limits of a just green transition: Greece's electricity target model after the energy crisis
3. **Ronan O'Brien** – Climate urgency, the question of rapid change and the role of the state in Europe and the world

13:00-16:00. Industrial policy and global competition: Economic and socio-ecological challenges

4. **Thomas Haipeter** (University of Duisburg-Essen) – Decarbonisation, digitalization, global competition. Industrial relations in times of polycrisis
5. **Johannes Jäger** (University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna) – The EU's corporate sustainability due diligence directive (CSDDD): Still an entry point for a progressive alternative to deregulation and the obsession with competitiveness in the EU?
6. **Claudio Cozza** (Parthenope University, Naples), **Alessia A. Amighini** (University of Piemonte Orientale) – An anatomy of China's industrial policy



Workshop 5. Alternatives

Chairs: Mikael Stigendal (Malmö University, Malmö/Sweden; EuroMemo Group; mikael.stigendal@mau.se) **and Susan Murphy** (Trinity College, Dublin/Ireland; EuroMemo Group; Susan.P.Murphy@tcd.ie)

Room: JHB 205

9:00-12:00. Alternatives I

1. **Michael Stigendal** (Malmö University) – Conceptualizing and analyzing the conjuncture
2. **Chiara Bonaiuti** (Istituto Ricerche Economiche e Sociali, IRES, Toscana) – Deconstructing inevitability: Feminist epistemology to solve EU's unsustainable interconnected trends and to change direction to the roadmap of war (*TBC*)
3. **Susan Murphy** (Trinity College Dublin) – Governing humanitarianism in the current conjuncture

13:00-16:00. Alternatives II

4. **Phil Armstrong** (Torrens University, Australia), **Patricia Pino** (University College, London / Director of the MMTUK policy research group) – Provisioning sustainability: The case for a job guarantee
5. **Bryn Jones** (University of Bath) – Europe's rentier economy and the debt burden of the new "proletariat"
6. **Stanislav Jurčičin** (ISREP, Bardejov, Slovakia) – Beyond capitalism: The model of cooperativism as a systematic alternative towards economic democracy