

Dynamics of harm and social control in the transformation of capitalism

EUROPEAN GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL

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Over the past decades, capitalism has undergone transformations that have posed radical challenges for critical thinking. From the harms of ‘old’ capitalism to its most recent transformations, the world is experiencing new forms of exploitation, contradictions and challenges. Political movements around ethical consumption and green capitalism increasingly overshadow the fundamental problems at the heart of corporate capital: exploitation of human and natural resources, inequality and state-corporate expansionism.

Undoubtedly, one of the most pressing contemporary issues is the rise of surveillance capitalism, which increasingly invades our daily lives and shapes our subjectivities (individually and collectively). The transformations of new surveillance capitalism are affecting people intersectionally, relating to class, religion, race, gender, economic status, educational attainment, and countries where people live. Our choices and decisions (from what we eat to whom we date), risk creating new and effective tools for further exploitation and social control. This is particularly true for the ways we communicate, move and experience in, such as the ‘smart city’ and ‘smart-university’.

While the world is experiencing the exacerbation and renewal of disparities, contradictions and shades of authoritarianism, the ongoing pandemic has drastically exposed the irresponsibility of decades of austerity, commercialisation, and under-funding of social care systems. The tensions underpinning the transformations of capitalism and their impact on society have been even more evident making the need for rethinking justice crucial for academics, activists and practitioners.

In addition, the persistent processes of privatisation and the role played by corporates in the management of criminal justice (including the military and prison industrial complex, Artificial Intelligence, electronic surveillance, smart policing, border control technologies, actuarial justice) has radically modified the idea of justice, social inclusion and punishment as a prerogative of the state. In this scenario, on one side new tools and dispositive of criminalisation and social exclusion are developed by the criminal justice system. On the other side, state and corporate control evolve toward new domains and forms of social harm, which themselves paradoxically remain areas of deregulation and lenient social control. The development and transformation of capitalism have also promoted new and different forms of populism that have deployed nuanced criminal justice toolkits to control, repress and demonise many forms of political opposition, resistance and dissent.

We would like to invite scholars, experts, practitioners and activists to reflect on these topics and to contribute to the conference with papers, panels, roundtables and poster presentations (please follow the submission guideline below).

Conference Committee: Perla Allegri; Rosalba Altopiedi; Valeria Ferraris; Michele Miravalle; Daniela Ronco; Giovanni Torrente; Alvise Sbraccia; Simone Santorso.

Submission guidelines

Abstracts should address one of the topics listed in the call for papers and can describe a wide range of research including empirical or theoretical. The conference committee also welcomes contributions from individuals, activists and organisations. All contributions can take the form of a single presentation, panel-round table, or poster. **The deadline for the submission is 31th May 2022.** Please follow the **instruction below**.

Single presentation

If you are presenting your work as a single presentation submit an abstract (300 words) with at least 5 keywords to the relevant stream coordinator including title, author, single presentation caption. You can find the contact details of the **working group coordinators** below.

Panel -Roundtable

The Programme Committee invites topical subjects to be proposed for discussion both as panel sessions or roundtables. These can be arranged **on campus** or **online**.

Panel

A panel is an opportunity for a group of experts working in a specific area to share papers or papers in progress. Panel submissions should include an abstract describing the proposed topic (300 words); no more than four papers title and authors, a discussant and a chair, or five papers and a chair. If you are interested in organizing a panel, send your proposal to the relevant working group coordinator and the conference committee (contact details below), including **online or on campus**.

Roundtable

A roundtable is an opportunity for a group of experts to discuss a particular issue in depth without the constraints of having to speak to a paper. Roundtable submissions should include a minimum of five participants and a chair; an abstract describing the main topic that will be discussed (500 words); any facilities requirements (projector, room with moving chairs, etc.). If you are interested in organizing a panel, send your proposal to the conference committee (email below), including **online or on campus**.

Poster

If you are presenting your work via a poster, please email the conference organisers an abstract (300 words) including title, author, poster presentation caption.

Please note that it is your responsibility to produce the poster and bring it with you to the conference.

Contact details

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Updated Key Dates:

Submission deadline	31 May 2022
Notification of acceptance	07 June 2022
Confirmation of attendance and fees	09 June 2022

Fees

Full/associate professor	€130
Academic with a permanent position	€100
Students/PhD/fixed-term	€50
Activist/Unemployed	€20

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