Programme ENPOSS 2025

10 – 12 September – Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Venue: Ca' Foscari (September 10-11) and Malcanton Marcorà (September 12)

Wednesday 10 September		
9.00 – 9.30	Registration (Ca' Foscari, main lobby)	
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome (Ca' Foscari, Aula Baratto)	
9.45 – 12.00	*Session 1* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Baratto) Chair: TBA Matteo Michelini, Eugenio Petrovich, Carlo Debernardi – How Citation Practices Influence Scientific Progress: A Computational Study; **Symposium:** *Understanding and Explaining Evil and Extremism* Emilie Caspar – From Interviews with Genocide Perpetrators and Rescuers to the Neuroscience of (Dis)Obedience; Karsten Stueber – The Really Hard Problem of Consciousness: Understanding Evil and Extremism; Raphael Künstler – Fully Understanding the Extremist Method.	*Session 2* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Marino Berengo) Chair: TBA Joonatan Nõgisto, Petri Ylikoski – Disentangling constitutive explanations in the social sciences; Thodoris Dimitrakos - Do Norms Have an Explanatory Role in Social Phenomena? A Non-Eliminative Naturalist Reply; Abhinav Kumar – From Individual to Social: Understanding Ontological Individualism.
12.00 –13.30	Lunch break	
13.30 – 15.00	*Keynote* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Baratto) Chair: TBA Muhammad Ali Khalidi "TBA"	
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break (Ca' Foscari, Aula Archivio)	
15.30 – 17.45	*Session 3* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Baratto) Chair: TBA Alessandra Basso – Values and Trustworthiness in Economic Inequality	*Session 4* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Marino Berengo) Chair: TBA Roberto Fumagalli – A Defence of Preference-Based Approaches to

	Metrics; Helena Slanickova - Blind Spots and Tunnel Vision in Policy Decision Structuring: lessons learned from critical contextual empiricism; Emanuele Martinelli – An Agent-Based Approach to the Limits of Economic Planning	Welfare Evaluations in Public Policy; Malvina Ongaro, Daniele Chiffi and Lorenza Petrini – Which role for cost-benefit analysis in public decision making? Sofia Blanco Sequieros – Reality bites: Bringing Policy Back to Philosophy of Evidence-Informed Policy.

Thursday 11 September		
9.00 – 10.30	*Session 5* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Baratto) Chair: TBA **Symposium:** *Pros and Cons of Evidential Pluralism in the Social Sciences* Rosa W Runhardt – Can Evidential Pluralism mitigate bias and motivated reasoning? Corrado Matta – How Evidential Pluralism Mitigates Epistemic Injustice in Evidence-Based Evaluation; Jon Williamson and Alexandra Trofimov – Is the Idea of an Educational Mechanism Vacuous? Pluralism, Evidence, and Educational Contexts.	*Session 6* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Marino Berengo) Chair: TBA Robert Fraser – A Theory of (Social) Structural Explanation; Jens Harbecke – Property Supervenience and the Supervenience of Social Science Laws.
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break (Ca' Foscari, Aula Archivio)	
11.00– 12.30	*Session 7* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Baratto) Chair: TBA Francesco Nappo – Design principles for the IPCC emission scenario ensemble; Marco Emilio – Social Powers and Epistemic Practices in Eco-Social Research.	*Session 8* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Marino Berengo) Chair: TBA Tommaso Listo – Hacking and Latour: a Political Epistemology Dialogue at a Distance; Patrizio Caldara – Existing is Resisting: Anthropocentrism in Bruno Latour's Ontology and Politics.
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break	
14.00 – 15.30	*Keynote* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Baratto) Chair: TBA Stéphanie Ruphy "TBA"	
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break (Ca' Foscari, Aula Archivio)	
16.00 – 18.15	*Session 9* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Baratto) Chair: TBA	*Session 10* (Ca' Foscari, Aula Marino Berengo) Chair: TBA

	Sina Badiei – Reexamining Subjective Preferences: Toward a Model of Capabilities; Aleksander Ostapiuk – Big M 2.0. The art of war for philosophers of economics; Michael Greer – Approaching care epistemology through qualitative methods: or how gathering my own data changed me as a feminist philosopher.	N. Emrah Aydinonat – An Argumentative Device for All Sides: The Supply and Demand Model in the Covid-19 Pandemic; Benjamin Santos Genta – Channels of Model Performativity; Ivan Boldyrev – A Bigger Game: Criticizing Market Design Models.
19.30	*Conference dinner* (TBA)	

Friday 12 September		
9.00 – 10.30	*Session 11* (Malcanton Marcorà, Aula Valent) Chair: TBA **Symposium:** *The Problem of Government Between Social and Political Sciences: A Study of Epistemology of Concepts* Giovanni Minozzi – From Political Science to Sociology (and Back). The Problem of Government in the Epistemology of Auguste Comte; Giulio Pignatti – Reconceptualising Government Beyond Modern Political Philosophy: Émile Durkheim on the State; Annagiulia Canesso – Government and Normality. An Historical-Epistemological Perspective on the Use of Medical Semantics in Comte and Durkheim; Marco Ferrari – Social Organization and the Government of Society. History and Critique of Cybernetic Human, Social and Political Sciences.	*Session 12* (Malcanton Marcorà, Aula Mazzariol) Chair: TBA Lorenzo D'Addantetrifiletti – Vagueness and the Ontology of Social Reality: Are Social Kinds Vague, and Does it Matter? Francesco Franda – From Dead to Resurrected: A Puzzle for Social Kinds.
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break (Malcanton Marcorà, Aula Biral)	
11.00 – 13.15	*Session 13* (Malcanton Marcorà, Aula Valent) Chair: TBA Mees van Santen – Measuring development: Rethinking the HDI through Co-Production and Political Legitimacy; Caterina Marchionni and Till Grüne-Yanoff - Mechanistic evidence, policy inference, and the problem of mechanism individuation. Silke Körber – Different Shades of 'Scientific Humanism'.	*Session 14* (Malcanton Marcorà, Aula Mazzariol) Chair: TBA Giulia Lasagni – Entry Mechanisms: Unpacking the Process of Joining Existing Organisations; Aryan Karimi and Rima Wilkes – What is assimilation, how do we measure it, and how do we know when it has been achieved? Mark Risjord and Martin Palecek – Will an Evolutionary Perspective Unify the Natural and Social Sciences?
13.15 – 14.45	Lunch break	

14.45 – 15.45	**Book Symposium** (Malcanton Marcorà, Aula Mazzariol) Chair: TBA Northcott, R. "Science for a Fragile World," Oxford University Press, 2025. Discussants: Maria Jiménez-Buedo and Paul Roth	
15.45 – 17.15	*Session 15* (Malcanton Marcorà, Aula Valent) Chair: TBA Yafeng Wang – Process Tracing and the Problem of Establishing Causal Relationships Within a Case; Jon Frederiksen – Causal Explanation in Interpretive Social Anthropology.	*Session 16* (Malcanton Marcorà, Aula Mazzariol) Chair: TBA Matteo Vagelli and Roberto Gronda – Modelling Narratives: What Good is Scientific Pluralism to Historiography? Michal Hubálek – Lust for Knowing: What Happened to Van Gogh?
17.15	Farewells	