

“CLASS WITHOUT CONSCIOUSNESS” – THE POLITICS OF FRAGMENTED CLASS IDENTITIES

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, 14-15th November 2019, Scuola Normale Superiore

Department of Political and Social Science, Palazzo Strozzi, Piazza degli Strozzi 1, 50123 Firenze

DAY 1 NOVEMBER 14th

9:30–13 | INTRODUCTION AND KEYNOTES | CONFERENCE HALL “L’ALTANA”

Donatella della Porta (Scuola Normale Superiore): *Class in Movement*

Don Kalb (University of Bergen and University of Utrecht): *Class in the Illiberal Moment, Anthropologically Speaking*

Klaus Dörre (University of Jena): *Contentious Globalization and Social Classes: 20 Theses for a Democratic Politics of Class*

LUNCH BREAK | (Individual; e.g. Ristorante ‘La Spada’, Via della Spada 62)

15-17 | A1: CLASS IDENTITIES IN ELECTORAL POLITICS | ‘L’ALTANA’

Chair: Linus Westheuser (Scuola Normale Superiore)

- **Simon Bornschier, Céline Colombo, Silja Häusermann and Delia Zollinger** (University of Zurich): *How ‘Us’ and ‘Them’ Relates to Voting Behavior: Social Structure and Social Identities in Swiss Electoral Politics*
- **Magne P. Flemmen** (University of Oslo): *Class, Stand, and Party in Late Modern Norway: The Homology of Social Space and Lifestyles and Political Party “Choice”*.
- **Jaro Stacul** (University of Newfoundland): *‘Working Class’ or ‘Class of Workers’? Thoughts on Right-Wing Populism in Contemporary Europe*
- **Macarena Ares** (University of Zurich): *A New Working Class? Political Preferences of Production and Service Workers and the Politicization of Class in Post-Industrial Societies*

15 – 17 | Panel B1: CLASS IDENTITIES IN MOVEMENT | ROOM ‘POLLAIOLO’

Chair: Lorenzo Zamponi (Scuola Normale Superiore)

- **Magnus Wennerhag** (Södertörn University) and **Anders Hylmö** (Lund University): *Climate Protesters and Social Class: Going Beyond the Interests of the ‘New Middle Class’?*
- **Loukia Kotronaki and Seraphim Seferiadis** (Pantheon University Athens): *Resilience or Solidarity? Modes of Class Politicization in Crisis-Ridden Greece*
- **Ivaylo Dinev** (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa): *Does Class Matter in the Protest Arena? Evidence from Eastern Europe*
- **René Kluge** (Free University Berlin): *Rediscovering Class in China: The Jasic-Protests and State Marxism*

17 - 18 | BOOK FORUM | ROOM ‘L’ALTANA’

Discussant: Don Kalb (University of Bergen and University of Utrecht)

Hadas Weiss (Madrid Institute for Advanced Study): *We Have Never Been Middle Class: How Social Mobility Misleads Us*. Verso Books, 2019.

Stephen Campbell (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore): *Border Capitalism, Disrupted: Precarity and Struggle in a Southeast Asian Industrial Zone*. Cornell University Press, 2018.

Alina-Sandra Cucu (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin): *Planning Labour: Time and the Foundations of Industrial Socialism in Romania*. Berghahn Books, 2019.

18 - 20 | APERICENA (Drinks & Snacks) | POLLAIOLO

DAY 2 NOVEMBER 15th

9:30-11:30 | A2: CLASS POLITICS ON THE RIGHT | 'L'ALTANA'

Chair: *Manuela Caiani (Scuola Normale Superiore)*

- **Koen Damhuis** (University of Utrecht): *Dissecting 'the people': Class Positions and Social Identities of Radical Right-Wing Voters*
- **Paulus Wagner** (Sciences Po Paris): *Why Are the Populist Radical Right's Electorates Not Fragile Along Class Lines?*
- **Raphael Challier** (Paris VIII - Cresspa) : *"The World As It Is. We Deal With It". The Ambivalence of the Conservatism of Right-wing Working-Class Activists.*
- **Giorgos Bithymitris** (National Centre for Social Research, Athens): *The (Im-)possibility of Class Identity: Reflections on a Victorious Labour Struggle Against Right-Wing Extremism*

11:30-13:30 | C1: DEMOBILIZING CLASS IN THE WORKPLACE | 'L'ALTANA'

Chair: *Guglielmo Meardi (Scuola Normale Superiore)*

- **Stefanie Hürtgen** (University of Salzburg): *Xenophobic Culturalization in Transnational Production*

9:30-11:30 | B2: NEW FRONTIERS OF CLASS FORMATION | 'POLLAIOLO'

Chair: *Marco Deseriis (Scuola Normale Superiore)*

- **Peter N. Funke** (University of South Florida) and **Todd Wolfson** (Rutgers University): *Class Struggle and the Current Wave of Resistance: Class Formation as a Series of Relations and Processes*
- **Christoph Sorg** (New York University): *A Class of Debtors in and of itself? Reflections on Recent Attempts to Build a Debtor's Unions in the United States*
- **Sarah Uhlmann** (Humboldt-University Berlin): *"The Neighbourhood is the New Factory": Urban Social Movements and the Recomposition of Class in the Global City*
- **Alexis Spire** (CNRS, Paris): *Rethinking Social Class Through Tax Injustice*

11:30-13:30 | D1: SUBMERGED CLASS IDENTITIES | ROOM 'POLLAIOLO'

Chair: *Rossella Ciccio (Queen's University Belfast)*

- **Linus Westheuser** (Scuola Normale Superiore): *Studying 'Classed Consciousness': Self Understandings of Working and Middle Class Millenials in Germany*

- **Amélie Beaumont** (Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne): *On the Right or at the Bottom? Contradictory Dynamics of the Practical Politicization of Working Conditions*
- **Linda Beck** (Free University Berlin): *Class Consciousness and Ethnic Divisions in the Construction Sector*
- **Marie C. Grasmeyer** (University of Bremen): *Race and Class on the High Seas: Intersectional Aspects of the Construction of Occupational Identities among Seafarers on International Merchant Ships*
- **Najate Zougari** (University of Lausanne): *The Spirit of Capitalism's New Clothes: Deconstructing the Employers' Concept of 'Professional Order' in Switzerland*

- **Maria del Carmen Mayer** (University of Bielefeld): *A Reflection on Marginality, Localised Political Organisation and Class Consciousness for the Praxis of a Neighborhood Committee in Milan*
- **Niccolò Bertuzzi** and **Loris Caruso** (Scuola Normale Superiore): *The Return of Class Politics? Representations of Power, Politics and the State among the Italian Popular Classes*
- **Marta Tonetta** (University of Milan & University of Turin): *For a Debate about Class Identities under Platform Capitalism: The New Rentier Middle Classes between Privilege and Precarity*

LUNCH BREAK | ROOM 'POLLAIOLO'

15-17 | C2 : PRECARIY AND CLASS IDENTITY | 'L'ALTANA'
 Chair: *Mario Pianta (Scuola Normale Superiore)*

- **Stefan Schmalz** (University of Jena) and **Brandon Sommer** (Erasmus University Rotterdam): *Dividing Lines in Chinese Class Formation: Migrant Workers in the Pearl River Delta*
- **Lorenzo Cini** (Scuola Normale Superiore): *Exploring Class Identity in Post-Crisis Italy. An Analysis (Again) Centered on Labour Conditions*
- **Angelo Moro** (University of Burgundy): *Beyond a Generational Perspective on the 'Unmaking of the Working Class'? Insights on the Transmission of 'Cultures of Solidarity' in an Italian Factory*
- **Christopher Wimmer** (Humboldt University Berlin): *Fragmentation and Solidarity in the Marginalized Class in Germany*

15-17 | D2: CLASS, NATION, REGION, AND MIGRATION | ROOM 'POLLAIOLO'
 Chair: *Martín Portos Garcia (Scuola Normale Superiore)*

- **Teresa Pullano** (University of Basel): *Transnational Class, the Struggle for Hegemony and the Dilemma of Political Subjectivity Beyond National Identity*
- **Siresa López Berengueres** (Sciences Po Paris): *Capitals Old and New: Immigration, Class Hybridization and Cosmopolitan Orientations.*
- **Delia Zollinger** (University of Zurich): *Booming Cities versus Left-Behind Communities? How the Geography of the Knowledge Economy Structures Social Identities in Switzerland*
- **Oluwatobiloba Adeleke** (Humboldt-University Berlin): *Social Inequality in Nigeria: Intersections of Social Class, Gender, and Ethnic Inequalities*

17 – 18 | FINAL DISCUSSION & WRAP-UP | "L'ALTANA"

