

COMMUNITY ECONOMIES SUMMER SCHOOL: METHODS FOR A POSTCAPITALIST POLITICS

WITH KATHERINE GIBSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ECONOMIES COLLECTIVE



The Community Economies Institute, with Punti di Vista, is inviting **expressions of interest** for our summer school. The week long program will provide an opportunity to engage with the methods and practice of community economies research. The week will provide an in-depth look at the founding concepts and tools of community economies approaches, an exploration of examples of how these ideas are being put into practice by artists, activists, community groups and scholars, and opportunities to experiment with community economies methods. With a balance of short talks from community economies experts, practice-based workshop sessions, and field excursions the course will lead participants through an engaging and creative program that covers:

Surviving well together – what do we really need to live healthy lives, in ways that do not impinge on others' healthy lives (including the planet).

Distributing surplus – what do we do with what is left over from meeting our survival needs? How to decide what to do with it?

Encountering others – what kinds of relationships do we have with other people and environments as we seek to survive well?

Consuming sustainably – what do we use up in the process of surviving well?

Caring for commons – how do we maintain, restore and replenish our natural, social and intellectual commons?

Investing in future generations – how do we store and use our surplus for the wellbeing of people and planet into the future?

The Summer School is aimed at anyone interested in learning more about action oriented research and to deepen their engagement with applied community economic thinking. The course will use *Take Back the Economy: An Ethical Guide for Transforming Our Communities* (2013) by J.K. Gibson-Graham, Jenny Cameron and Stephen Healy as the key text. Other readings will be provided depending on the interests and aspirations of the participants.

Expressions of Interest in attending this Summer School should be registered by January 30th using the following google form: <https://forms.gle/xjeDkvTDKSBLsk759>

Where: Convento S. Maria del Giglio by the lake of Bolsena, Italy

Duration: 6 days, June 6-12

Cost (including 6 nights accommodation and all meals) €1,400/US\$1,550 waged, €1,200/US\$1,300 unwaged/student/limited income. Limited scholarships may be available. For EU organisations: You might be eligible for Erasmus+ Staff Training Mobility funding. Please check this with your own institutions <https://acro.ceu.edu/erasmus-staff-training-mobility-academic-and-administrative-staff>

SCHEDULE:

- June 6th: arrival and evening orientation
- Day 1-6, June 7th-11th: A mixture of seminars, workshops and discussions based at the Convento in Bolsena, with field trips to local examples of community economies tbc.
- Day 7, June 12th departure

**Transport will be provided from Orvieto railway station to the Convento. Trains run regularly from Rome to Orvieto and can be booked in advance via Trenitalia <https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>

ABOUT US:

The **Community Economies Institute** is a not-for-profit, member based organization dedicated to furthering research, education and advocacy for economic practices that help us all to survive well together. The Institute works in tandem with the scholarship and practice undertaken by members of the Community Economies Collective and the Community Economies Research Network in their efforts to seeks to *bring about more sustainable and equitable forms of development by cultivating and acting on new ways of thinking about economies and politics.*

Since 1993 **Punti di Vista** has built a creative cultural space for civic groups to come together in order to discuss sustainable futures at the beautiful Convento S. Maria del Giglio by the lake of Bolsena. The Association cares for the Convent on a voluntary basis on behalf of the Franciscan order which has owned the building for centuries. Punti di Vista organises cultural initiatives with international youth exchanges, study trips, residential seminars, summer schools, cultural events and life long education initiatives. The events, seminars, workshops and trainings are founded on environmental awareness, consumption and waste reduction, recycling of materials, biological and natural consumption as well as gender equality and international solidarity. Punti di Vista creates a space where people and nature combine to enjoy conviviality and hope for a sustainable future. Punti Di Vista flourishes as together we create space for people to convene, connect, concoct, contemplate.

Instructor profiles:

Katherine Gibson is an economic geographer based at the University of Western Sydney and co-founder with the late Julie Graham (University of Massachusetts Amherst) of the Community Economies Collective. She has with an international reputation for innovative research on economic transformation and over 30 years' experience of working with communities to build resilient economies. As J.K. Gibson-Graham her books include *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It): A Feminist Critique of Political Economy* (1996, 2006) and *A Postcapitalist Politics* (2006). She is currently co-editing the *Handbook of Diverse Economies*.

Kevin St. Martin is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Rutgers University. His research begins from a critical analysis of economic and resource management discourse and its capacity to format economic and environmental outcomes. While Dr. St. Martin's research explicates where and how state institutions and other actors are busy reframing ocean space, fishing economies, and coastal communities as open to capitalist development, it does so with the intention of locating where and how we might intervene on behalf of [community economies](#) and shared commons futures. As a result, Dr. St. Martin's projects foreground the potentials of resource dependent communities, interdisciplinary science projects, environmental data portals, and other sites of research to enact and enhance community and environmental wellbeing.

Oona Morrow is a feminist geographer and Assistant Professor in Food Sociology at Wageningen University, the Netherlands where she co-directs the Centre for Space, Place, and Society. She has worked for a rural anti-poverty agency in Massachusetts and as a postdoctoral research fellow with SHARECITY at Trinity College in Ireland. Her work is broadly concerned with the economic politics of everyday life a theme she explores through the practice and politics of food provisioning in cities, communities, and households. Her writings on social reproduction and urban food commons have been published in *Gender, Placed and Culture*, *Rethinking Marxism*, *Geoforum*, and *Urban Geography*.

Sabrina Aguiari is an independent consultant for humanitarian response and for inclusive development, with expertise on gender, food assistance/security/sovereignty, humanitarian mine action, peacebuilding, information and knowledge management, sustainable development, community based work, participation and governance. She has broad experience in project and programme design and management, as well as in participatory assessments and evaluation, and in community based field work. Sabrina has worked in Southern, West and Northern Africa, as well as in Southern Asia and Middle East, and besides Italian she speaks English and French fluently, and has working knowledge of Portuguese and Spanish. She works for UN (WFP, UNDP, FAO) as well as for NGOs and Universities (Tulane University of New Orleans, Rome Tor Vergata).

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