



# CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

## RESEARCHING POSTCAPITALIST POSSIBILITIES

THE COMMUNITY ECONOMIES INSTITUTE  
SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOL

June 20-29, 2023

with members of the Community Economies Institute

**What role can scholarship play in making other worlds possible?**

**What capacities do we have as scholars to shape the world?**

**What ethical responsibilities and earthly cares come with this work?**

**How are you navigating these questions in your own research?**

These are difficult questions. How we answer benefits from collective thinking and learning. **Researching Postcapitalist Possibilities** is a short course (non-award) that offers PhD students, early career researchers and others the opportunity to explore these questions with members of the [Community Economies Institute](#) (CEI) who have been thinking outside or beyond capitalist relations since the publication of J.K. Gibson-Graham's *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It): A Feminist Critique of Political Economy* in 1996.

### Overview

This school engages with the foundational concepts and tools that community economies scholars use to envision and enact postcapitalist economies. It explores connections with longer traditions that also value collectivity and interdependence.

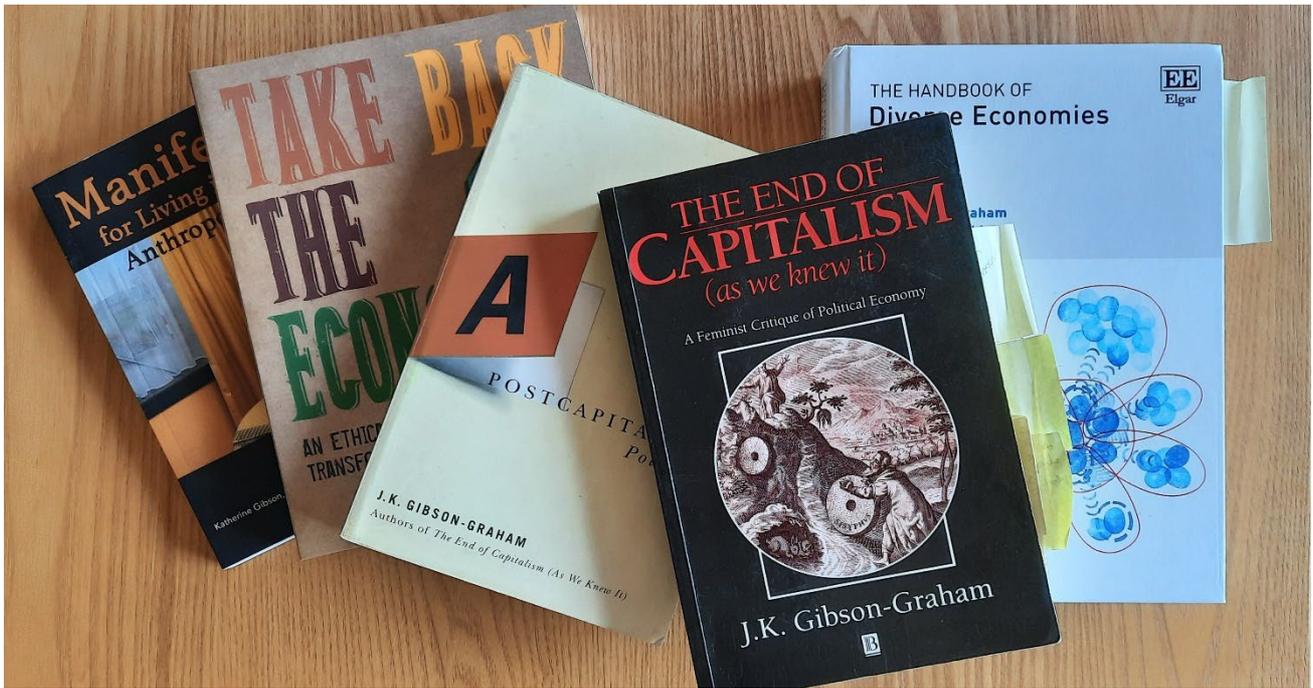
The course includes in-depth reading of core texts, short lectures by [members of the CEI](#), seminar discussions and activities around key themes and workshops on your research.

The 10-day program is run through five nodes:

- Face-to-face, Centre for Resilient Communities (CRC), West Virginia University  
Led by Professor Kevin St Martin (Rutgers University) & Dr Bradley Wilson (CRC)
- Face-to-face, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)  
Led by Assoc. Professor Elizabeth Barron (NTNU) & Professor Katherine Gibson (Uni. of Western Sydney).
- Face-to-face, Massey University, Aotearoa New Zealand  
Led by Assoc. Professor Kelly Dombroski (Massey University)
- Online, EU-based node, Led by Dr Thomas Smith (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)
- Online, AU-based node, Led by Conjoint Assoc. Professor Jenny Cameron (Uni. of Newcastle, Australia).

June 20-23, Foundations; June 24-25, Rest Days; June 26, Activating Theory; June 27-29, Engaging Research

## Core texts



Additional readings are drawn from the work of CEI members. All reading material is provided.

## What participants from the 2022 School said

- “This school has had a profound impact on me in terms of both my scholarship and activism ... The School allowed me to think through why the scholar in me is always so quick to occupy the critical position, a position which is often inconsistent with my own actions and ethics, and with the activist and parent in me. This School has reinvigorated my interest in activist research! Thank you.”
- “I have been engaging with the diverse economies literature for the last 12 months ... and the summer school was the opportunity to dive much deeper into the material. I am now confident that I will finish writing the thesis in the next few months. I was not sure of this before the summer school so I now feel extremely grateful for this gift.”
- “It was transformative of my thinking about economic research. It will, I believe, impact a lot of my community work and make me feel more validated in what I'm doing, but also more thoughtful, and better able to articulate it as research and community work.”
- “It has given me a conceptual framework to place my research within, and has helped me to feel more optimistic and hopeful about the role of my research.”
- “I learned so much but one of the main takeaways for me was to be alert to the trap of strong theory and to actively look instead for difference. The course fostered in me a goal of becoming an anti-essentialist, thick description, weak theory scholar. This feels like a real turning point in how I approach my research.”

## Tuition Fee

- Face-to-face participation, \$1,200 (Australian Dollars). Participants pay for their own accommodation and travel; and most meals.
- Online participation, \$800 (Australian Dollars).

A small number of partial scholarships are available for those with limited access to funding, please contact Jenny Cameron ([Info@communityeconomies.org](mailto:Info@communityeconomies.org)) about this when you submit your Expression of Interest.

## Expressions of Interest: Due by Friday 18 November 2022

Please complete [this Google Form](#). We will get back to you by Monday 28 November  
For further information, contact Jenny Cameron, [Info@communityeconomies.org](mailto:Info@communityeconomies.org)