



RESEARCHING POST-CAPITALIST POSSIBILITIES

PHD SHORT COURSE

Sydney, Australia
15-17, 20-22 January 2020

Followed by One Day Conference on
23rd January 2020

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Members of the Community Economies
Research Network

Community Economies Strategic Initiative
Institute for Culture and Society
Western Sydney University

WHERE: Parramatta City Campus,
Western Sydney University, Sydney

DURATION: 6 days

COST: AU\$1,500 (early bird price AU\$1,300).
This includes registration for the One Day
Conference that follows the Summer School.

**What role can the humanities
and social sciences 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?**

These are difficult questions. The answers we might give benefit from collective thinking and learning. Researching Post-Capitalist Possibilities is a short course that offers PhD students and early career researchers (ECRS) the opportunity to explore these questions with scholar members of the Community Economies Collective 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.



Image from the Redrawing the Economy Workshop held in Colombia 2017

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COURSE OVERVIEW

The first three days of the course will explore the conceptual foundations of feminist post-capitalist thinking. The second three days will focus on how to imagine and enact post-capitalist possibilities through research practice. Prior reading preparation will be required. In addition to key works by J.K. Gibson-Graham and CEC scholars on the Diverse Economy and Community Economies, readings and lectures will engage with other contemporary approaches that are working at the frontiers of socio-political thought including: material semiotics, post-development, ecological humanities, resilience theory, psychoanalytic theory, assemblage politics and commoning.

This six-day intensive will provide early stage PhD students with a demanding immersion in social theory debates. For more advanced doctoral scholars and ECRs it offers the opportunity to clarify and refine their research contribution. Sessions will combine lectures, small group discussions, fishbowl discussions, walking seminars and collaborative exercises. The course leaders are co-editors of the University of Minnesota Press Book Series *Diverse Economies and Liveable Worlds* and will offer one session focused on conversion of theses into books.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course participants will be able to

- Articulate key ideas of Marxist political economy and feminist poststructuralism
- Situate their research within current theoretical debates about economic and ecological futures
- Use critique to open up pathways for enabling research
- Design research strategies for making other worlds possible

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are open to currently enrolled PhD candidates and early career researchers (no more than 5 years out of PhD). Please note that the course will be limited to 18 places. Expressions of interest in attending this Summer School should be registered by 27th September 2019 via the following link: bit.ly/2GRTBDs

Course credit option available, please contact Stephen Healy (stephen.healy@westernsydney.edu.au) for more information.

For more details please check out the summer school page at westernsydney.edu.au/ics/events/researching_post-capitalist_possibilities_2020

PRIOR REQUIRED READING:

J.K. Gibson-Graham, J. Cameron and S. Healy 2013 *Take Back the Economy: An Ethical Guide For Transforming Our Communities* Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. upress.umn.edu/book-division/books/take-back-the-economy

OTHER PREPARATION

A 10-minute presentation on your research topic highlighting its theoretical engagement.

ONE DAY CONFERENCE

WHEN: 23 January, 2020

WHERE: Parramatta South Campus of Western Sydney University, Sydney

COST: AU\$50

REGISTRATION: Registrations open in early October 2019. Refer to the ICS website (westernsydney.edu.au/ics/events/researching_post-capitalist_possibilities_2020) in early October for a link to the registration page.

This conference will present recent research by members of the Community Economies Research Network. Conference sessions will take the form of short 10 minute presentations followed by in depth discussion and appreciative inquiry. The conference is open to a wide audience.

TESTIMONIALS FROM PAST SUMMER SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS

“The Summer School is a unique opportunity to think, learn and grow together with critical researchers from around the world. Stephen, Kath and Jenny fostered a supportive yet challenging environment to explore a mix of relevant literature, media and culture, and our own research.

The summer school was thought provoking, engaging and fun! It made me think about my research in a transformative light and how it can open up possibilities for a more ethical society.

You will work in an inclusive yet challenging environment to learn new ideas and expand your thinking. You have the chance to learn conceptual theoretical perspectives as well as methods and methodology.

