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SOCIAL JUSTICE:
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11-12 June 2025

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Over the last decades, a sequence of crises have placed communities, cities, and societies across the world under enormous pressure. This has brought to the fore both new and old challenges about issues of redistribution and recognition. Redistribution issues emerge in numerous societal debates, including but not limited to those on sustainability and environmental justice, democracy and authoritarianism, and the rise of populism. Divisions concerning recognition have (re)emerged around themes of gender and sexuality; 'race', religion, and nationality; age and (dis)ability, and their intersections: these are reinvigorated and sometimes manipulated with forms of mis- and dis-information for competing political agendas. Poverty, precarities, discrimination, and violations of human rights and humanitarian law are rampant, yet often marginal in political agendas, and further aggravated by austerity policies and welfare state retrenchment. Under these circumstances, we ask the questions: What is social justice? Where is it (not)? What participation and vocabulary do struggles for social justice attract and produce? How are different scales of social action and political intervention interrogated by social justice, and how can knowledge be co-produced and exchanged between academics, activists, policy-makers and other stakeholders to help in the realisation of social justice? How is knowledge, science, and information used and misused to build narratives in debates around social justice, for example in so-called culture wars? How can we explore and understand the interrelationships between different concepts and experiences of social, environmental, and data justice? By asking these questions, we seek to place social justice at the centre of the analysis of the relationship between society and politics. We invite proposals for papers as well as panels (including panels that bring together academics and practitioners), which will inform, update, and help reimagine how we speak, theorise, and engage with social justice and its politics in Europe and beyond.

Wednesday, 11th June 2025

9.00-10.00: Registration

10.00-10.30: Welcome

- Louisa Parks and Michele Grigolo (co-coordinators of the ESA RN32)
- Imad El-anis (Director of the Centre for Policy, Citizenship and Society, NTU)
- Jon Gorry (Head of the Department of Social and Political Sciences, NTU) TBC

10.30-12.00: Plenary (Room TBC)

Title: TBC

Speaker: [Damien Short](#) (University of London).

Chair: Jenni Cauvain

12.00-13.00: Lunch

13.00-14.25: Panel session 1

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<p>S1.1 (Room TBC)</p> <p>Democracy, justice, and Ideology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Lorenzo Viviani</i>. Democracy's crisis in late modernity: Sovereignty, exclusion, and the reconfiguration of the promises of modernity. ● <i>Federico Quadrelli</i>. Ideological conflicts and organizational reactions: reflections on a case study in Germany on civil society and right-wing populism. ● <i>Andrea Girometti</i>. Justice, freedom and equality in Norberto Bobbio's liberal socialism. A Reactualisation. ● <i>Antonia Schirgi</i>. The realization of social justice in deliberative mini publics. 	<p>S2.1 (Room TBC)</p> <p>Perceptions, Experiences and Imaginaries of Justice (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Antonio Putini</i>. Reconstruction, vulnerability and social justice. ● <i>Darina-Bianca Iorgovan-Georgescu</i>. Social justice in the medical institution. ● <i>Laura Way</i>. Experts by Experience: cocreating recommendations for inclusive support with Traveller communities in Lincolnshire. ● <i>Blerina Këllezi et al.</i> The Impact of Holistic Justice on the Long-Term Experiences and Wellbeing of Mass Human Rights Violation Survivors: Ethnographic and Interview Evidence From Kosova, Northern Ireland and Albania. 	<p>S3.1 (Room TBC)</p> <p><i>Fabio Mostaccio, Flaminia Saccà. Gendering Social (In)Justice: Discourses, Representations, and Practices (1)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Fabio Mostaccio, Valentina Raffa</i>. Stereotypes and Prejudices in the Italian Press: The Representation of Violence against LGBTQ+ People as a Political Issue. ● <i>Natale Feo</i>. Social justice in the age of neoliberalism and populism: ideologies, narratives and the recognition of differences. ● <i>Flaminia Saccà, Maddalena Carbonari</i>. Gendering Social (In)Justice through media and press representation of gender violence.
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14.30-15.55: Panel session 2

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<p>S1.2 (Room TBC)</p> <p><i>Manuel Anselmi, Fabio de Nardis. New Ideological Conflict and Socio-Political Cleavages.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Flaminia Saccà, Nataliya Velikaya</i>. New Ideological 	<p>S2.2 (Room TBC)</p> <p>Perceptions, Experiences and Imaginaries of Justice (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Leonardas Marcinkevičius</i>. Understanding Lack Through A 	<p>S3.2 (Room TBC)</p> <p><i>Cristian Norocel. Authoritarian populism facing social justice endeavours: Between outright opposition and ambivalent posturing to sexual and reproductive rights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Felicia Hagerback</i>.

<p>Conflicts: Russia and the New Polarization Between the East and the West.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Mattia Diletti, Luca Massidda</i>. The Late-Modern Evolution of US Conservative Ideology. ● <i>Rosalba Belmonte</i>. The depoliticization of the Palestinian struggle through the rhetoric of state-building. ● <i>Mariafrancesca D'Agostino</i>. The "green turn": forced migrations between sustainability and neo-sovereignisms between Italy and Spain. 	<p>Priori Reasoning: A Praxeological Approach to Justice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Sharon Hutchings</i>. Reimagining the social and the political in mental health. ● <i>Kate Howley</i>. Unequal and Unjust: Participant Subjectivities in Neoliberalised Higher Education. ● <i>Linzi Ladlow</i>. Visualising Young Parent Families: Insights from Intergenerational Photovoice Research. 	<p>Discursive articulations of gender, the nation and democracy in the Sweden Democrats during 2020-2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Gadea Mendez-Grueso</i>. Spanish 'TERF wars': From the experience of intra-feminist schisms to imagining a way forward for feminist coalitions. ● <i>Katarina Kehl, Cristian Norocel</i>. The ambiguous articulation of LGBTQI+ rights by the radical right populist party in Sweden ● <i>Iris B Segers, Rafstedt, My, Volk, Sabine</i>. Deconstructing Binaries: Learning from Queer and Trans Scholarship to Study the Far Right and Gender.
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16.00-17.00: Business meeting (plenary room)

18.00-23.00: Conference dinner at Cosy Club

Thursday, 12th June 2025

9.00-10.25: Panel session 3

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<p>S1.3 (Room TBC)</p> <p>Politics, Parties, and Elections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Tuomas Koponen</i>. Political Legitimacy of Capitalism and fragmentation of party support: Changes in the Spirit of capitalism 	<p>S2.3 (Room TBC)</p> <p>Transformations in Environmental Governance: Collective Action and the Pursuit of Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Emanuela Bozzini</i>. Competing Demands for a Just Transition: Tensions Between Labor and Climate 	<p>S3.3 (Room TBC)</p> <p>Right-wing Populism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Ayçe İdil Ataoğlu</i>. Reclaiming the Past, Redefining Justice: Right-wing Populism, National Heritage, and the Reconversion of the Hagia Sophia.

<p>from Industrial to Post-Industrial Capitalism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Kari Steen-Johnsen, Øyvind Bugge Solheim</i>. “You and everyone else deserve to keep more of your own money!” The power of individualist narratives in youth electoral politics on TikTok. ● <i>Irina Zamfirache</i>. The Year of Elections. The Peculiar Case of Romania. ● <i>Dieter Dekeyser</i>. Punditry, Propaganda, or Entertainment? Influencer-Driven ‘Watch Parties’ and Their Role in Political Engagement and Public Sense-Making. 	<p>Movements in the Case of the Ferriera in Trieste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Bartek Goldmann, Louisa Parks</i>. A seat at the table or a foot in the door? Indigenous Peoples’ and Local Communities’ advocacy for a permanent voice at COP16. ● <i>Maria Chiara Franceschelli, Lorenzo Zamponi</i>. <i>Anger Games</i>. Conflicting visions of environmental and urban policies around the 2026 Winter Olympics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Mia Liinason</i>. “The promise of a different Europe”. Gender, religion and the sacralization of politics in the new far right. ● <i>Victor Hugo Ramirez Garcia</i>. Sexual Justice facing Far-Right climate in Europe. ● <i>Carlo Berti</i>. Strong journalism for a just society? Reflections on the relationship between journalism, populism and society in the European Union.
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10.30-12.00: Panel session 4

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<p>S1.4 (Room TBC)</p> <p><i>Protest, Resistance, and Justice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Anja Schmidt-Kleinert</i>. Pro-Palestinian solidarity demonstrations and campus protests: claims for social justice against the 	<p>S2.4 (Room TBC)</p> <p>Transformations in Environmental Governance: Collective Action and the Pursuit of Justice (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Giuseppe Cugnata, ; Lorenzo Zamponi</i>. Demanding or Doing? Strategies, Outcomes, and Future Visions in the Italian Climate Movement. 	<p>S3.4 (Room TBC)</p> <p><i>Fabio Mostaccio, Flaminia Saccà</i>. Gendering Social (In)Justice: Discourses, Representations, and Practices (2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Marika Manera</i>. Institutional Feminism and Political Representation: A Comparison Between

<p>backdrop of the Israeli-Hamas war.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Angelo Galiano</i>. Exploitation, slavery, and protest in the global north: the silicon 'plantations' of Salento (Italy). ● <i>Nina Perkowski</i>. Contested Securities: Urban Safety, Far-Right Mobilization, and Democratic Futures in European Cities. ● <i>Pierre Monforte</i>. The dilemmas of (private) hospitality: The everyday practices of refugee hosting in Britain, France and Italy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Stella Santos</i>. Exploring 'Sustainable Justice': an Analysis of the Intersection of Social Justice and Sustainability in Italian Policy Discourse. ● <i>Carlo Berti</i>. European rewilding projects, local journalism, and local populisms: the media coverage of bear reintroduction in Trentino between polarization and marginalized voices 	<p>Italy and Spain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Antonio Cava, Assunta Penna</i>. The representation of gender-based abuses between dystopian tales and real violence. ● <i>Milena Meo, Antonio Tramontana</i>. Gender and Inequality: Political Convergences in the Italian Radical Right.
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Special event (Room TBC)

***Michele Grigolo, Yesmean Khalil*. Children's Right to Clothing in Nottingham
A Knowledge-Exchange Event**

Academics and practitioners from the following organisations have been invited to this event:

- Nottingham Trent University
- Sharewear Clothing Scheme
- UNICEF Child Friendly City, Nottingham City Council
- Amnesty International
- University of Manchester

(Participants TBC)

12.00-13.00: Lunch

13.00-14.25: Panel session 5

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<p>Symbolic and Discursive Perspectives on Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Mateusz Zaremba, Cezary Wasowski.</i> The Significance of Judicial Independence for Justice Administration in the Opinion of Polish Judges. ● <i>Jón Gunnar Bernburg, Sigrún Ólafsdóttir.</i> The Sense of One's Place in the Public Sphere - Addressing Bourdieu's Theory of Symbolic Capital/Power. ● <i>German Ricci.</i> IMF's symbolic power: Evidence from Argentina. ● <i>Augustijn Van Rode.</i> Legalese or plainspoken? Belgian parliamentarians' discursive navigation of the topic of immigration from 1945 until 2024. 	<p>Giuliana Tiripelli. Israeli Grassroot Activism and Palestinian Heritage Curation for Peace: Safeguarding Dialogue and Cultures from Afar in Times of Crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Ross Bradshaw.</i> From Vietnam Protests to Standing Together: Experiences of Co-Resistance from the Bookshop ● <i>Nadine Aranki.</i> Navigating Constraint and Resistance: Palestinian Heritage, Higher Education, and Cultural Protection from Afar ● <i>Jon Simons.</i> Some rubble there, a vigil here ● <i>Sally Abed.</i> Title TBC. ● <i>Itamar Avneri.</i> Title TBC 	<p>Fabio Mostaccio & Flaminia Saccà. Gendering Social (In)Justice: Discourses, Representations, and Practices (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Luca Massidda, Fabrizia Pasciuto.</i> From the Law to the Press: Contrasting Gender-Based Social Injustice Through a Fair Representation of Male Violence Against Women ● <i>Rosalba Belmonte, Lucia Pelle.</i> Gender-based violence in media discourse: the representation of gang rapes in the Italian newspapers. ● <i>Anna Tarrant.</i> Progressing gender equality through father-inclusion: establishing a transformative social and gender justice agenda.
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14.30-16.00: Plenary (Room TBC)

Title: TBC

Speaker: [Alice Mattoni](#) (University of Bologna).

Chair: TBC

16.00-17.00: Closing meeting.