

Workshop

TECHNOLOGIES OF ENGAGEMENT: Work and organising in high-tech workplaces

Workshop chair: Angelo Gasparre

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OUTLINE

The workshop aims at exploring the transformation of work and organizing in high-tech workplaces, by discussing how technological innovation such as advanced robotics or A.I. enables human engagement or disengagement from both the practice of work and the design of work activities. The workshop will offer an interdisciplinary perspective on this topic, by promoting a dialogue among theoretical arguments, research questions and methods of the social sciences, science and technology studies and the hard sciences, as part of a shared view that the understanding of how technology intertwines with the human and the social requires itself theoretical and methodological intertwines and experimentation.

PROGRAM

14:15 **Welcoming remarks**

Nicoletta Dacrema, Vice-Rector, University of Genoa

Giorgia Profumo, Vice-Director, Department of Economics and Business Studies, University of Genoa

14:30 **Introductory note**

Humans and nonhumans in high-tech workplaces

Angelo Gasparre, Department of Economics and Business Studies, University of Genoa

15:00 **Keynote speech**

Work, new technology and the dance of agency

Andrew Pickering, Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology, University of Exeter, UK

15:45 **Q & A**

16:00 **The intersection of art and technology: the DanzArTe cultural welfare project**

Antonio Camurri, Casa Paganini, Department of Informatics, University of Genoa

16:30 **Coffee break**

17:00 **Engaging with technology and the future of work** [roundtable]

Cinzia Carta, Department of Law, University of Genoa

Giovanni Masino, Department of Economics and Management, University of Ferrara

Lia Tirabeni, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University di Milan-Bicocca

Alessandro Verri, Department of Informatics, University of Genoa

18:00 **Closing session and debate**

Annamaria Donini, Department of Law, University of Genoa

Angelo Gasparre, Department of Economics and Business Studies, University of Genoa

Mauro Migliavacca, Department of Educational Sciences, University of Genoa

Marco Novella, Department of Law, University of Genoa



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Andrew Pickering, PhDs in physics (London) and science studies (Edinburgh), is a leading scholar in the field of Science and Technology Studies. His studies in the fields of cybernetics, history of technological innovations, ontology and philosophy of science, have significant implications for the understanding of the co-constitution of human and material agency in the digital transformation of work and organizing (advanced robotics, A.I., etc). Professor Pickering has held fellowships at MIT, the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, Princeton University, the Guggenheim Foundation, the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford and, most recently, the Institutes for Advanced Study at the Universities of Durham, Konstanz and Bauhaus University, Weimar. He is currently an Emeritus professor at the Department of Sociology, Philosophy and Anthropology. Some of his most important works are: 'The Mangle of Practice: Time, Agency and Science' (1995), 'Constructing Quarks: A Sociological History of Particle Physics,' (1999) and 'The Cybernetic Brain: Sketches of Another Future' (2010).



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