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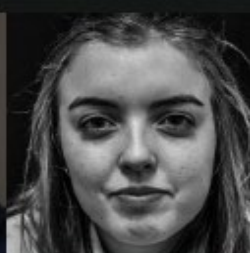


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Thursday, 8th October 2026

8:45 - 9:00 Walk in

9:00 - 9:15 Opening

Welcome (Cristina Corsi, Eleonora Sanfilippo & Connell Vaughan)

Launch of Proceedings Vol.5

☉ Michael O'Hara & Ioana Ramona Cecălășan - *Alchemy Today! Critical Perspectives on Digital Hermeneutics*

9:15 - 10:30 Session 1: Rethinking Education in the AI era

Chair: Connell Vaughan

☉ Paul Grimm, Wolfgang Baier, Stefan Kohn - AI Manifesto for Teaching and Learning at Universities

☉ José Manuel Ferrández & Gema Benedicto- Human-Centred Technology for an Inclusive and Ethical Future

☉ Carmine Marinucci - An Ecology of Intelligence for Digital Cultural Heritage, AI and Education in Italy (2026–27): A National Manifesto-Process

☉ Paolo Vignola - The Reinvention of a Democracy to Be Imagined

10:30 - 11:00 Session 2 Artistic Intervention

☉ Jenny Pickett & Julien Ottavi- Radio Noise Collective: Transmission, Interference and the Radiophonic Manifesto

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00 Session 3: European Values and the Future of Democratic Participation

Chair: Santiago Perez

☉ Giulio Donzelli- European Federalism beyond Naivety and Utopia: Rereading Piero Calamandrei

- ☉ Luigi Di Santo - Participation as a Living Manifesto: Social Rights, Technology, and European Democracy between Intermediation and Disintermediation
- ☉ Laura Diafani - Carlo Levi's Manifesto 'Without Borders' (1974) for the Federation of Italian Migrant Workers and Families
- ☉ Armen Khatchatourov - Manifesto(s) in the age of AI: Between Promise and Recuperation

13:00 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 - 15:45 Session 4: Technological Inclusion

Chair: Connell Vaughan

- ☉ Patrique Degen - Reading, Mediation, and the Question of (Digital) Property – The Ventotene Manifesto as a Technology for Imagining Alternative Futures
 - ☉ Annalucia Cascarino - Accessible Memory: Digital Technologies, Valorisation, and the Democratisation of Cultural Heritage
 - ☉ Ivana Bruno and Laura Saturnino - 'Beyond Borders': redefining the future of an inclusive museum through innovative technologies and Heritage Walks
 - ☉ Sara Baranzoni - The Technological Republic? Future Pathways from the Palantir Manifesto
 - ☉ Jenny Pickett & Julien Ottavi - Chaospondence: Collective Lexicons and Subversive Linguistics

15:45 - 16:45 Keynote Session

Chair: Costanza D'Elia

Keynote: Giordano Altarozzi - Professor at George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu Mureş

From Ventotene to Digital Europe: Reimagining European Unity in the Age of Technological Transformation.

16:45 - 17:15 Coffee Break

17:15 - 18:30 Tour of Castle

20:00 - 22:00 Conference Dinner

Friday, 9th October 2026

9:00-9:30 Walk in

09:30 - 11:00 Session 5: CreMTech team - Economic Perspectives on a European Technological Future

Chair: Francesco Bolici

- ⌚ D'Orlando F. - Was it really wrong? Expansionary Austerity in Europe, Behavioral Economics and the Well-Being Impossibility Theorem.
- ⌚ Giammetti, R. - Capital Centralisation and Democratic Countervailing Power in the Age of AI: Evidence and Prospects for Europe.
- ⌚ Caldaroni, S. and Nisticò, S. - The European Welfare State in the New Technological Scenario: Getting Rid of the Old-Fashioned Distinction Between Work and Retirement.

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:45 Keynote Session

Chair: Sergio Nisticò

Keynote: Antonella Stirati - Professor of Economics at Roma Tre University

Will technical innovation destroy employment?

12:45 - 13:45 Lunch

13:45 - 14:15 Session 6 Artistic Intervention

- ⌚ Ester Toribio Roura - Inertia; Quo Vadis, Europe?

14:15 - 15:30 Session 7 Artistic Interventions

Chair: Michael O'Hara

- ⌚ Siobhán Enright - A Manifesto Made by Hand: PlanIt Play and the Co-Creation of a Circular Toy Economy
- ⌚ Tivon Rice - (Mis)understandings: Lost Manifestos
- ⌚ Bilian Marinov & Emilia Ochkova-Dimitrova - Material Transformation through Ceramic Installation: From Poetic Thinking to Embodied Experience in Practice-Based Artistic Research
- ⌚ Brian Keegan - Physics, Simultaneity and the Futurist Manifesto Legacy in my Music Composition Practice.

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:15 Session 8: Media, Digital Property and Manifestos

Chair: Rajasee Datta

- 🕒 Luca Palermo - Rethinking the Machine: A Critical Examination of Futurist Manifestos
- 🕒 Ioana Cecălășan, Ioana Moldovan & Silivan Moldovan - Re-Manifesting the Social: Brutalism as a Tool of Resistance and Renewal in the Digital Age
- 🕒 Hugh McCabe - Towards a (Media) Archaeology of the Manifesto
- 🕒 Roberto Gamberini - Archaeology of Manifestos: The Dynamics of a Bottom-Up-Drive Change and the Reshaping of the European Cultural Space

17.30 - 18.00 Session 9

Chair: Noel Fitzpatrick

- 🕒 Ioana Moldovan, Silivan Moldovan Ester Toribio Roura, José Manuel Ferrández, Marinos Koutsomichalis, Pradeep Ghosh - EpiSTEAM Panel

Closing Remarks

18:00 – 18:45 Annual Assembly of ECT LAB+

Chair: Noel Fitzpatrick