



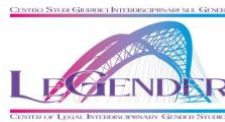
Law and Social Reproduction: the misconceived value of care

International workshop - Roma TRE University

4-5 May 2023

In recent years feminist debates on social reproduction have included fields of interest that go far beyond domestic unpaid and gendered work. The lens of social reproduction has been used to unveil the contradictions of extractive economies, to analyze processes of expropriation, exploitation and expulsion embedded in racial capitalism, to develop critiques of the discrepancy between life and modes of production, to draw analogies between the depletion of natural resources and care processes, to focus on the conundrum of life-control and independency in humanitarian policies, to highlight the nexus between mobility and social reproduction on a global scale, to scrutinize the financialization of life and so on. The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 uncovered a systemic deficit of care that brought themes such as unpaid domestic work, the externalization of care and the feminization of “essential” workers to the centre of public discourses and policy documents. Nonetheless, the discussion on social reproduction has had a limited impact on law and legal studies. With a few but significant exceptions, legal scholarship has almost entirely disregarded the category of social reproduction or, at most, has relegated it to sector-based and feminized fields of interest. At the same time, when policy makers confront issues such as women’s unpaid work, the care gap and care deficit or the sexual division of labour, the outcomes rarely challenge the legal and political structures of existing social reproduction processes. Leaving aside the emphases of official declarations, the *European work-balance directive* and the *European care strategy* are examples of the limited impact of this kind of policy.

Far from being a merely theoretical field of dispute, social reproduction has been at the centre of feminist struggles and claims that range from income security to the necessity to rethink welfare institutions, relations of care, as well as the entanglement between urban and environmental scales. By building a dialogue among feminist scholars in different disciplines, the workshop will focus on the potential impact of social reproduction for the development of critical legal approaches that are able to address the challenges of feminist struggles and claims. The workshop’s aim is to develop a transformative agenda of research that benefits from different perspectives and crosscutting approaches.



4 May 2023; time schedule 2.30 - 6.30 pm (Sala del consiglio, Via Ostiense 161)

Introduction: Antonella Picchio, Feminist Economist, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

First session:

Social Reproduction at Work: valorization, exploitation and depletion under scrutiny

Donatella Alessandrini, International Economic Law, Kent Law School

Sabrina Marchetti, Ca' Foscari University of Venezia

Alessandra Mezzadri, Development Studies, SOAS, London

Shirin Rai, Politics and International Relations, SOAS, London

Discussants:

Laura Calafà, University of Verona

Carlo Caprioglio, University of Roma TRE

Enrica Rigo, University of Roma TRE

Anastasia Tataryn, University of Waterloo, Canada

Table comments: Martina Tazzioli, Barbara Pinelli, Martina Millefiorini, Teresa Numerico, Marina Montanelli, Giacomo Capuzzo, Marcella Corsi, Francesca Esposito.

5 May 2023; time schedule 10 am - 1 pm – (Sala del consiglio, Via Ostiense 161)

Second Session

Intimacy and the Production of Value: family, technology, market and finance under scrutiny

Leopoldina Fortunati, Sociology of Communication and Culture, University of Udine

Maria Rosaria Marella, Private Law, University of Roma Tre

Prabha Kotiswaran, Law and Social Justice, King's College, London

Fiona Macmillan, Intellectual Property Law, Birkbeck, University of London

Discussants:

Giovanni Marini, University of Perugia

Serena Natile, Warwick School of Law

Letizia Palumbo, University of Trieste

Table comments: Martina Tazzioli, Barbara Pinelli, Martina Millefiorini, Teresa Numerico, Marina Montanelli, Giacomo Capuzzo, Marcella Corsi, Francesca Esposito.

5 May 2023; time schedule 2.30 – 3.30 pm – (Sala del consiglio, Via Ostiense 161)

Concluding session: Chairs Donatella Alessandrini and Enrica Rigo

Developing a transformative agenda of research on social reproduction and law

Open discussion among the workshop's participants

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