



Researching Post-Capitalist Possibilities

PhD Summer School in Sydney, Australia

16-18, 21-23 January 2019

Followed by a One Day Conference on January 24th

Taught by

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and

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2018 summer school class with Gadigal Elder Uncle Greg Simms

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 summer school 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.

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. Participation Certificates will be issued at the conclusion of the summer school.

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

Summer School Location and Cost

Where: Parramatta Square Campus of Western Sydney University, Sydney

Duration: 6 days

Cost: Au\$1,400/€900 (early bird price Au\$1,200/€770)

Cost includes registration for the One Day Conference that follows the Summer School

Expressions of Interest in attending this Summer School should be registered [here](#) September 30th. Please note that the course will be limited to 25 places.

For more details please check out the [summer school web page](#)

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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.

<https://www.upress.umn.edu/book-division/books/take-back-the-economy>

Other Preparation

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