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9.30-9.50 Introduction

PHIL TOMLINSON, University of Bath CHRISTOS PITELIS, University of Leeds

9.50-11.15 Digital platforms, globalization and finance

Chair: DARIO GUARASCIO, Sapienza University of Rome

CHRISTOS PITELIS, University of Leeds

Big tech and platform-enabled multinational corporate capital(ism): the socialisation of capital, and the private appropriation of social

value

CLAUDIO COZZA, University of Naples Pathenope

Monopoly Capital in the time of digital platforms: a radical approach

to the Amazon case

MALCOLM SAWYER, University of Leeds

Monopoly capitalism in the past four decades

Discussion: JELENA RELJIC, Sapienza University of Rome

Coffee break

11.45-13.00 Monopoly capital, digitalization and consumers

Chair: VALERIA CIRILLO, University of Bari

PHIL TOMLINSON, University of Bath

Advertising and the consumer in the age of Big Tech: a new moment

in the evolution of monopoly capitalism?

RAMAA VASUDEVAN, University of Colorado

Digital platforms: monopoly capital through a classical-marxian lens

MARIA ENRICA VIRGILLITO, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies Big pharma and monopoly capitalism: a long-term view

Discussion: ANNAMARIA SIMONAZZI, Sapienza University of Rome

Lunch

14.00-15.30 Industrial Development and Industrial Strategies in the era of Big Tech

Chair: GRAZIA IETTO-GILLIES, South Bank University - London

ANTONIO ANDREONI, SOAS University of London

Governing digital platform power for industrial development:

towards an entrepreneurial-regulatory state

PATRIZIO BIANCHI and SANDRINE LABORY, University of Ferrara

Industrial strategy in a transforming capitalism

ZHONGJIN LI, University of Missouri, **and HAO QI**, Renmin University

Platform power: monopolisation and financialisation in the era of big

tech

DAVID BAILEY, University of Birmingham **Brexit and industrial policy in the UK**

Discussion: ANDREA COVERI, University of Urbino

15.30-16.00 Reflection on Keith Cowling and his contribution

The registration form for the Workshop can be found here: https://forms.gle/thZMKBPa1LMt5GNx8

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