Intersectional Solidarity and Labor Organizing: Toward Just and Collective Futures

Palazzo Strozzi, Florence

Day 1 (19.10.2026)

Time	Aula Pollaiolo
9:00-9:15	**Welcome and Opening Remarks: Sarrah Kassem**
9:15-10:55	**Panel 1: Racial Capitalism, Migration, and Grassroots Solidarity in Europe** *Gauri Saxena, Camilla Macciani, Charline Sempere, Davide Però*
10:55-11:10	**Break**
11:10-12:50	***Panel 2: Extraction, Waste, and the Green Transition*** *Alfian Al-Ayubby Pelu, Lucas Cifuentes, Riya Raphael*
12:50-14:20	***Lunch Break***
14:20-16:00	***Panel 3: Intersectionality Inside the Union: Gender, Race, and Organizing Strategy*** *Fatma Betul Kocaaslan-Dogan, Lucia Amorosi, Suraj Telange*
16:00-16:15	**Break**
16:15-17:45	**Solidarity & Organizing in Practice: Round Table with Trade Unionists** *Kaoutar Charjane, Ver.di trade union secretary (Germany)* *Konde Patrick, USB trade union secretary (Italy)*
17:45-18:00	***Concluding Remarks Day 1***

Day 2 (20.10.2026)

Time	Aula Pollaiolo
09:15-11:00	**Panel 4: Practical Solidarity: Everyday Organizing Beyond the Strike** *Tiziano Bonini, Daniela Pianezzi & Anna Carreri, Marco Antonelli & Donatella della Porta*
11:00-11:15	***Break***
11:15-12:45	**Working through Displacement: Trauma, Labor and Survival** *Q&A Discussion with Maheen Hyder (Practitioner)*
13:00-14:30	**Lunch Break**
14:30-16:00	**Panel 5: Invisible Infrastructure: AI Data Labor and Collective Voice in the Global South** *Philip Mong'are Achoki, Felipe Mano, Irene Makau, Kenzo Soares Seto*
16:00-16:15	**Lunch Break**
16:15-17:45	**Panel 6: Organizing, Undone? - Worker Power from Factory to Platform** *Ambika Tandon, Digvijay Singh, Nahuel Aranda, Alina Dambrosio Clementelli*
17:45-18:00	**Concluding Remarks**

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9:00-9:15: Welcome and Opening Remarks - Sarrah Kassem

9:15-10:55: Panel 1: Racial Capitalism, Migration, and Grassroots Solidarity in Europe

Chair: Sarrah Kassem

Discussant: Lucia Amorosi

- Gauri Saxena (Geneva Graduate Institute), *The NHS as a Colonial Enterprise: Empire and International Medical Graduates (IMGs) in the Making of the British Welfare State*
- Camilla Macciani (University of Trento), *Organizing against Agricultural Racial Capitalism: West African Migrant Farmworkers' Resistance and Struggle in Foggia (Southern Italy)*
- Charline Sempere (CIRAD), *Producing Between Exploitation and Resilience: The Case of Temporary Foreign Women Workers in Industrial Fruit and Vegetable Production in Provence, France*
- Davide Però (University of Padova), *Intersectional Solidarity from Below: Precarious Migrant Workers and the Building of Collective Power*

10:55–11:10: *Coffee Break*

11:10-12:50: Panel 2: Extraction, Waste, and the Green Transition

Chair: Alba Arenales Lope

Discussant: Guglielmo Meardi

- Online: Alfian Al-Ayubby Pelu (Independent Researcher), *Beyond the Enclave: Intersectional Solidarity, Spatial Discipline, and Jumping Scale in Indonesia's Nickel Belt*
- Lucas Cifuentes (Independent Researcher), *The Articulation of Solidarities: Labour, Territory, and the 2021 Albemarle Strike in Chile's Lithium Mining*
- Riya Raphael (Lund University), *Waste Pickers Mobilising: Materialities of Labour, Waste and Intersectional Inequalities*

12:50- 14:20: *Lunch Break*

14:20-16:00: Panel 3: Intersectionality Inside the Union: Gender, Race, and Organizing Strategy

Chair: Alina Dambrosio Clementelli

Discussant: Camilla Macciani

- Fatma Betul Kocaaslan-Dogan (The University of Manchester), *Women Textile Workers in Turkey: An Intersectional Analysis of Labour Activism in the Global South*
- Lucia Amorosi (University of Trento), *Intersectionality and Trade Unions*
- Suraj Telange (SOAS), *Racial Capitalism and Resistance in the Amazon Warehouses in the USA: A Participant Observation of Intersectional Solidarity in CAUSE*

16:00-16:15: *Coffee Break*

16:15-17:45: Roundtable: Solidarity & Organizing in Practice

Chair: Sarrah Kassem

- Kaoutar Charjane: ver.di Trade Union Secretary (Germany)
- Konde Patrick: USB Trade Union Secretary (Italy)

17:45- 18:00: Concluding Remarks, Day 1

DAY 2: 20 October 2026

9:15-11:00: Panel 4: Practical Solidarity: Everyday Organizing Beyond the Strike

Chair: Gauri Saxena

Discussant: Alba Arenales Lope

- Tiziano Bonini (University of Siena), *Practical Solidarity in Platform Labour: An Empirically Grounded Typology* (co-authored with Letícia Birchal Domingues, Ricardo Fabrino Mendonça, Emiliano Treré)
- Daniela Pianezzi & Anna Carreri (University of Verona), *The Politics of 'Scraps'*
- Marco Antonelli & Donatella della Porta (Scuola Normale Superiore), *Networking in Action: Intersectional Solidarity and Coalition-Building in Italian Dockworkers' Mobilizations for Palestine*

11:00-11:15: Coffee Break

11:15-12:45: *Working through Displacement: Trauma, Labor and Survival*

A Conversation with Maheen Hyder

Maheen Hyder (MSW, RSW) is a Clinical Supervisor, Psychotherapist and Registered Social Worker working at the intersection of forced migration, complex trauma, and refugee mental health.

13:00-14:30: Lunch Break

14:30-16:00: Panel 5: AI Data Labor and Collective Voice in the Global South

Chair: Nahuel Aranda

Discussant: Riya Raphael

- Online: Kenzo Soares Seto (Majority World Initiative - Information Society Project), *Intersectionality as Territory: Brazilian Tech Workers Contesting Algorithmic Bias Inside and Against Platforms*
- Online: Philip Mong'are Achoki (University of Essex), *Organising in the Margins of the Algorithm: Collective Voice, Institutional Voids, and the Struggle for Worker Power among AI Data Labourers in Kenya*

- Online: Felipe Mano (Independent Researcher), *Putting the Pieces Together: Data Workers, AI Global Chains, and Collective Organization in the Global South*
- Online: Irene Makau (The Oversight Lab), *Algorithms for Profit, Workers Abandoned in Precarity: Lived Experiences and Collective Solidarities among Kenyan Platform Workers in Ride Hailing and Content Moderation Work*

16:00-16:15: *Coffee Break*

16:15–17:45: Panel 6: Organizing, Undone? - Worker Power from Factory to Platform

Chair: Marco Antonelli

Discussant: Vincenzo Maccarone

- Nahuel Aranda (National University of Córdoba), *'They Imposed It in the End': Collective Resistance, Labour Control, and the Limits of Worker Power in the Restructuring of an Argentina Factory (1990s–2000s)*
- Online: Ambika Tandon (University of Cambridge), *Organising in the Platform Economy*
- Online: Digvijay Singh (Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee), *'Repertoires of Contention' in Digitally-Mediated Labour: Reasons for, Manifestations of, and Constraints to Collective Contention in India's Platform Economy* (co-authored with Anindya Jayanta Mishra)
- Alina Dambrosio Clementelli (University of Milan), *Situated Agency and Everyday Solidarities among Domestic Platform Workers: A Case Study Conducted in Berlin and Milan*

17:45-18:00: Concluding Remarks