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## **“The Pasts, Presents and Futures of Communalism”**

**Closing conference “Vive la Commune: Communalism as a Democratic  
Repertoire.”**

**9 and 10 January 2025**

### **Conference Programme**

Radboud University Nijmegen

Elinor Ostrom Building

Heyendaalseweg 141, Nijmegen

## Day 1 (9 January)

09:30-10:00. Coffee & Welcome (Hall)

10:00-10:30. Introduction (Room EOS -1.545)

11:00-12:30. Panel 1: Pre- and Afterlives of the Paris Commune. (Room EOS 00.260)

- Evert van der Zweerde, *The Russian Legacy of the Paris Commune*
- Gaard Kets, *Communist Politics in Revolutionary Germany, 1918-1919.*
- Ulrich Arnsward, *Thomas More's Utopia as a Forerunner of the Communards*

11:00-12:30. Panel 2: Commune, common, and communalism. (Room EOS 00.270)

- Jean-Philippe Decka, *Prefiguring degrowth through communalism: the case of an alternative rural ecosystem in France*
- Pierre Sauvêtre, *Deep Communalism as Decolonial and Planetary Commonalism*
- Iago Martínez, *Participation and regime change in the waterfront of A Coruña: the tragedy of the actually existing municipalism?*

12:30-13:30. Lunch break (Hall)

13:30-15:00. Panel 3: Communalist experiences around the world. (Room EOS 00.260)

- Sinéad D'Silva, *Community-led resistance against environmental degradation in Goa, India*
- Jineoloji Center, *From Ancient Mesopotamia to Contemporary Kurdistan: The Commune*
- Felipe Castelo Branco, *Communalism, religiosity and complexity: testimonies from a Brazilian experiment*

13:30-15:00. Panel 4: Communalism, Power and Institutions. (Room EOS 00.270)

- Maximilian Fenner, *Communalism and Anti-Oligarchic Political Thought*
- Matti Eskelinen, *Ethico-Political Underpinnings of Anarchist Federalism: Non-Domination and Mutual Recognition*
- Mathijs van de Sande, *The Commune as Form of Life and the Commune as mise-en-forme.*

15:30-17:00. Keynote Lecture: Debbie Bookchin Room EOS -1.545

Drinks (Hall)

18:30 Conference Dinner

## Day 2 (10 January)

09:00-9:30. Coffee & Welcome (Hall)

9:30-11:00. Keynote Lecture: Hannah Proctor, *Communal Commemoration* (Room EOS - 1.545)

11:30 – 13:00. Panel 5: Municipalism – Lessons and Experiences. (Room EOS 00.260)

- Juan Mérida, Reimagining Local Power: Lessons from Spain's Municipalist Struggles to Democratise Institutions and Society
- Sixtine Van Outryve, *Paying the prices of the elections in a communalist strategy*
- Aimery Salvayre, *Municipalism in Saillans.*

11:30 – 13:00. Panel 6: The Commune, the Political and the Social. (Room EOS 00.270)

- Maria Koupra, *The Commune: prefiguring dis-alienation.*
- Inês Cisneiros, *Challenging Democracy's limitations: Common aspirations in spaces of autonomy.*
- Luke 'Ray' Di Marco Campbell, *Community Development as the Transient Commune: Cultivating a Theory of Scholarship and Radical Pedagogy as Association.*

13:00-14:00 Lunch break (Hall)

14:00-15:30: Keynote Lecture: Isabell Lorey, *Now-Time and the Commune* (Room EOS -1.545)

16:00-17:30: Closing Discussion (Room EOS -1.545)

Drinks (Hall)