

workshop
**HABITS, TOOLS, and
MATERIAL ENVIRONMENTS**



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workshop programme

November 28, Friday

Venue: Aula K2, Polo Kennedy, Via Kennedy 8

9.40 Welcome speech **Italo Testa** (Parma)

10.00-11.30 **Emmanuel Renault** (Paris Nanterre), *Dewey's Account of Tools and of Humans as Tool-Making Animals*

11.30-12.00 Break

12.00- 13.30 **Andrea Gambarotto** (Luxembourg), *An Enactive Account of Labor*

13.30-15.00 Lunch break

15.00-16.30 **Giulia Di Rienzo** (Antwerp), *Temporalizing Affordances in the Wild: Some Ethnographical Notes*

16.30-17.00 Break

17.30-19.00 **Corinna Guerra & Alina Merzliakova** (Venice, Ca' Foscari), *Habits as a Tool for Greenwashing*

November 29, Saturday

Venue: Aula K8, Polo Kennedy, Via Kennedy 8

9.30 -11.00 **Giovanna Colombetti** (Exeter), *Habits of Affective Self-scaffolding: a Phenomenological Account*

11-11.30 Break

11.30-13 **Vittorio Gallese** (Parma), *The Flesh of the Medium: Towards a Theory of Radical Embodied Mediation*

13-14.30 Lunch break

14.30-16.00 **Lambros Malafouris** (Oxford), *EnvironMental Inhabitation: Mindful Material Engagement and the Situated Person Perspective*

16-16.30 Break

16.30-18.00 **Maria-Danae Koukouti** (Oxford), *From Shamanic Mirrors to Smartphone Screens: How Changing Mirror Habits Reflect Transformations in Perception, Embodiment, and Selfhood*

17.30 -18 Discussion

Participants: Matteo Bianchin, Marco Piazza, Elisa Diambri, John Sykes, Giovanni Mariotti, Giulia Lasagni, Francesca Sofia Alexandratos, Laura Gherardi, Gian Luca Maestri, Gemmo Iocco, Fausto Caruana