

# First INDEP conference: Democratic Economic Planning for the Real World

*SASE 2025 Mini-Conference 12 in collaboration with Network I: Alternatives to Capitalism*

SASE 2025 will be held at the Palais des Congrès in Montréal, Québec, from July 9th to 12th. It will be preceded by a series of virtual panels from July 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>. During this large event, the International Network for Economic Democratic Planning (INDEP) is organizing its first conference, assembling 17 panels and 48 presenters. INDEP's first conference is supported in part by funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

## Location of the event

Palais des congrès de Montréal  
1001 Pl. Jean-Paul-Riopelle,  
Montréal, QC  
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## Schedule

### Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 – Virtual session

#### 10 AM to 11:30 AM – Online

*Three visions of democratic economic planning*

- Stefan Meretz – Dimension of Planning in Commonism
- Raphael Arar – How to Plan an Economy: Speculative Tools for Democratic Economic Planning
- Antoine Jourdan: Democratic Economic Planning: Lessons from the French Post-War Experience

*Moderator: Simon Tremblay-Pepin*

### Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### 10:30 AM to 12 PM – Room 521B

*Conceptualizing planning: Discovering language and tools for the problem*

- ~~Dennis Yao – Memory, Evolutionary Systems and Social Reproduction~~
- Michelle Szczepanczyk and Jason Chrysostomou - Annual Participatory Planning: An interactive prototype
- Jan Groos - Playing Postcapitalism

*Moderator: Robin Hahnel*

#### 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM – Room 521B

*Commons and Incentives: mediating between micro and macro scales*

- Dominique Arsenault - Making Plans and Planning Making: Industrial Commons and Democratic Economic Planning
- Ferdia O'Driscoll - Understanding Rewards in Socialism using Self-Determination Theory

*Moderator: Tom O'Brien*

1:15 PM to 2:45 PM – Hybrid Room

*Roundtable: Mapping the Democratic Economic Planning Ecosystem - Actors, Knowledge, Blindspots, Possibilities*

*Moderators: Eric Meier and Roland Kulke*

3 PM – 4:30 PM – Room 521B

*Data, math, and their applications in planning*

- Fernando Stroppa - Mathematical Optimization for a Post-Capitalist Society: A Framework for Sustainable Economic Planning
- ~~Joseph Vadella – The Problem of Allocating Scarce Resources in a Zero-Cost Environment~~
- Gabriel Wainio - The Hungriest Thing In The World: Materializing Information Sovereignty Between Earth and Cloud

*Moderator: Leone Castar*

**Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

8:30 AM – 10 AM – Room 521B

*Framing socialism: the place of planning in postcapitalism*

- Jan Groos and Christoph Sorg - Creative Construction
- Thomas O'Brien – Planning vs Political Economy
- Ferdia O'Driscoll - Beyond the Misconception of Socialism as a “Planned” Economy

*Moderator: Nicolas Villarreal*

10:30 AM – 12 PM – Room 521B

*How to get there: advances towards the democratization of the economy*

- Kyle Thompson and Joost Vervoort - Planning With the Trouble: X-Curved Chthonic Conjurations of Resonant Discomfort for Democratic Economic Planning
- ~~Colleen Schneider and Charles Stevenson – Fiscal and Monetary Coordination for a European Degrowth Transition~~
- ~~Justus Henze and Samia Zahra Mohammed – Planning a Solidarie Future: Socialization and Economic Planning as Pathways to an Ecological and Post-Capitalist Future – Connecting Theory and Practice in Dialogue~~

*Moderator: Aaron Benanav*

1:15 AM – 2:45 PM – Room 521B

*Information, Informatics, and Measurements: Things and their representations in postcapitalist information systems*

- Alejandro Ruiz and Julia Zimmerman - Information System Boundaries in Democratic Economic Planning
- Alex Creiner - Problems With the Money Signal and the Necessity for Planning in Kind
- Leone Castar - Social Eyes and Observables: Learning to See and Meet Human Needs in a Postcapitalist World

*Moderator: Jan Groos*

3 PM – 4:30 PM – Room 521B

*Investment, provisioning systems, and their role in planning*

- ~~Solveig Degen – Planning for Social-Ecological Provisioning: The Case for Socialisation to Advance Democratic Economic Planning in the Foundational Economy~~
- Nils Rochowicz - The short and long horizon of investment planning
- Aaron Benanav - Constructing a Socialist Investment Function

*Moderator: Christoph Sorg*

5 PM – 6:30 PM – Room 521B

*Participatory economics in the real world*

- Mitchell Szczepanczyk - Computer Simulations of Participatory Planning: New Evidence for Environmental Protection
- Anders Sandström - Adding realism to the Participatory Economy Model
- Robin Hahnel - A Participatory Economy in brief

*Moderator: Ferdia O'Driscoll*

**Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

8:30 AM – 10 AM – Room 521B

*Planning and spontaneity in social reproduction: what can and cannot be planned?*

- Nicolas Villarreal - Taxes on Bartering as a Barrier to Coordinating Non-Remunerated Labor
- Sam Bliss and Adam Wilson - The unplanned magic of actually existing non-market economies
- ~~Heide Lutosch – Why Care Work Can and Must Be Planned – and Lessons for Democratic Planning as a Whole~~

*Moderator: Audrey Laurin-Lamothe*

10:30 AM – 12 PM – Room 521B

*Planning from the kitchen: Social reproduction, provisioning and economic democracy*

- Audrey Laurin-Lamothe - Planning from care: How the current democratic planning debate limitates the possibilities to plan from a social reproduction perspective
- Bengi Akbulut - Organizing the field of needs: Planning for Social Reproduction
- Sophie Elias-Pinsonnault - Bringing social reproduction in: informality, care work and provisioning systems

*Moderator: Simon Tremblay-Pepin*

1:15 PM – 2:45 PM – Room 521B

*Planning history: what we can learn from past and current practice*

- Pablo Parellada - Insights from supply chain management in socialist planning
- Jean-François Colombar - The Science Called Forth By Socialist Planning: The Case of K. Polanyi
- Simon Sutterlützi - Economic Planning: Learnings from the GDR

*Moderator: Fikret Adaman*

3 PM – 4:30 PM – Room 521B

*Planning within planetary boundaries: economic democracy and the environment*

- Andrew Reeves - Lessons for Democratic Economic Planning from Ecological Macroeconomics
- Fikret Adaman and Pat Devine - Social Participatory Planning on the Question of Climate Crisis
- Johannes Buchner - The Strategic Triangle of AI for Ecological Economic Planning in a Circular Economy

*Moderator: Bengi Akbulut*

5 PM – 6:30 PM – Room 521B

*Planning in times of digitalization and climate crisis: On the return of economic planning in capitalism*

- Christoph Sorg - Planning in the longue durée: Why capitalist markets precipitate planning
- Cecilia Rikap - From corporate and military planning to democratic planning for people and the planet: AI as a testbed
- Georg Rilinger - How the experimental hand errs: Data politics and the problems of platform design

*Moderators: Jan Groos and Alejandro Ruiz*

**Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

8:30 AM – 10 AM – Room 521B

*Prefigurative postcapitalism: real-life cases of economic democratization*

- ~~Azize Aslan - Democratization of the Economy, Social Economy and Cooperatives in Rojava and Northern Syria~~
- Shubha Kant Tiwari - Integrating Local and Global Perspectives in Democratic Economic Planning: Insights from Nepal's Community-Based Models
- Louis-Maxime Joly - Local currencies and inter-community monetary federalism as experimental spaces for decentralized democratic economic planning

*Moderator: Cecilia Rikap*

10:30 AM – 12 PM – Room 521B

*Towards a practical application of democratic economic planning: the question of operationalization and data*

- Jacob Gagné-Montcalm - A conceptual framework for understanding industrial sectors in Québec
- Walther Zeug and Jakob Heyer - Holistic economic accounting for a cybernetic planned economy A Conceptual model for a democratic planned economy to satisfy societal needs within planetary boundaries
- Simon Tremblay-Pepin - Meet me in the middle? Democratic economic planning from macro to micro and back

*Moderator: Sophie Elias-Pinsonnault*