Blockchain as political technology

Thursday, 10th April 2025
14:00 - 17:00

Room *"Southern Center for Digital Transformation"* - *Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali, Vico monte della Pietà,1*

Blockchain and web 3 technologies have assumed an important political dimension. These technologies are invested with a wide range of hopes and projects for alternative futures - from the manosphere and alt.right universes with their tight connections to the crypto sphere, via the politics of privacy to visions of radical transformations articulated under ideas like De-Fi or Solarpunk. This brief workshop gathers academics, activists and crypto entrepreneurs to discuss the political potential of blockchain technologies and the visions attached to them.

Opening remarks - 14:00
Luigi Amodio - Spici Srl

Introduction
Adam Arvidsson

Speakers - 14:20

- **Alberto Cossu,** *University of Leicester*
 "Magic Money Men: Crypto as Speculative Masculinity"

- **Roberto Covino & Vincenzo Laezza,** *University of Naples Federico II*
 "Decentralized Communities: Exploring Blockchain Imaginaries in Pop-Up Villages"

- **Piergiorgio Catti De Gasperi,** *Web3 privacy Now*
 "Privacy and Web 3"

- **Gianluca Radice,** *weHUB*
 "weHUB - da startup universitaria a impresa innovativa"

- **Raffaele Orefice,** *NapulEth*
 "From the Heart of Naples to the Future of Web3: The Vision of NapulETH"

Coffee break - 15:40

Discussion - 16:00
- **Roberto Paura,** *Italian Institute for the Future*