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WORKSHOP ON

# Realism, Institutionalism and Experimentalism: Ontological foundations for legal thinking concerning socioeconomic processes

7-8 May 2026

**COORDINATORS** **Diogo Rosenthal Coutinho** – University of Sao Paulo Law School  
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**MEETING ROOM** Provincial Archives of Gipuzkoa – ground floor  
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## Programme

### Wednesday 6 May 2026

Arrival  
21:00 Welcome dinner for the participants Oñatiko Batzokia Jatetxea  
[Street: Foruen Enparantza, 9]

### Thursday 7 May 2026

#### 08:30 – 10:00 REGISTRATION AND OPENING

08:30 – 08:45 **Registration**

08:45 – 09:00 **OPENING**

**Camilo Umaña**, Scientific Director of the IISL  
**Leire Kortabarria**, IISL Publications officer  
**Diogo Rosenthal Coutinho and Matias Guilloff**, Coordinators

#### 09:00 – 10:00 **Session 1: Realism 1**

*Legal Realism, Charismatic Authority, and the Assertion of Private Power*  
**Eric George** – Law and Political Economy Collective

*Background rules and institutions*  
**Matías Guilloff** – Universidad Diego Portales

10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee break**

#### 10:30 – 11:30 **Session 2: Case studies on digital platforms**

*Law and Institutions in the Business Strategies of Digital Platforms in Brazil*  
**Caetano Patta Barros** – (Cebrap)

*When Platforms Rule: The Privatization of Rights in the Digital Public Sphere*  
**John Charney** – Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso

#### 11:30 – 12:30 **Session 3: Realism 3: Miscellaneous Case studies**

*The Limits of Adjudication: Four Challenges of Liability for Environmental Damage in Chile*  
**Brigitte Leal** – Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

*The Political Economy of Misframing: The Case of Gender-Related Violence in International Law*

**Maj Grasten** – Copenhagen Business School



## Thursday 7 May 2026

13:00 – 15:00 **Lunch break** [Cantina Zapore]

**15:00 – 16:30** **Session 5: Case studies on governance and Banking regulation**  
*Governing through boundaries: Law and central banking in Brazil and Chile*  
**Paula Ahumada** – Universidad de Chile

*Legal Foundations of Power-Building: Brazil's financial governance across three crises*  
**Pedro Mouallem** – Fundación Getulio Vargas

*Bleded Governance? Regulatory politics and the limits of green developmentalism in Brazil from a comparative perspective*  
**Mario Schapiro** – Fundación Getulio Vargas

## Friday 8 May 2026

**09:00 – 10:00** **Session 6: Institutionalism**  
*Karl Polanyi and the Law*  
**Diogo Rosenthal Coutinho** – University of Sao Paulo

*Distributional Struggles, History, and Method: Law and Political Economy versus Neoclassical Economics*  
**Jamee Moudud** – Sarah Lawrence College

10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee break**

**10:30 – 12:00** **Session 7: Constitutional Experiments and Authoritarian Liberalism**  
*Authoritarian Liberalism and Modern Constitutionalism*  
**Michael Wilkinson** – London School of Economics

*Social mobilization, democratic constitution-making and democratic decline in Latin America: key lessons from the failed Chilean experiments in Constitution-making.*  
**Samuel Tschorne** – Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

*Current trends in Political Economy of Chilean post-constitutionalism: between constitutional change and conservative restoration*  
**Sebastián Salazar** – Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile

**12:00 – 13:30** **Session 8: Future trends on the governance of the economy**  
*A Balance Sheet Approach to GeoPolitical Forecasting*  
**John Haskell** – University of Manchester

*An Experimentalist Law for the European Twin (Green and Digital) Transition*  
**Rodrigo Vallejo** – Tilburg University

*Beyond Bitcoin and the crypto experiment: law and the money of the future*  
**Jean Paul Cabral** – University of Sao Paulo

13:30 **Lunch break** [Cantina Zapore]