Welfare recalibration and the ecological crisis: research topics, approaches and findings for a sustainable transition

Pisa, 11-12 November 2019, 14:00 – 18:30
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International Workshop

Institutional Welcome
Alessandro Balestrino, Head of Political Science Dept.
Simone D'Alessandro, Vice-Director Sciences for Peace

Speakers
Katharina Bohnenberger, University of Duisburg-Essen
Christine Corlet Walker, University of Surrey
Roberta Cucca, Oslo University of Life Science
Simone D'Alessandro, University of Pisa
Yuri Kazepov, University of Vienna
Gerlinde Verbist, University of Antwerpen
Matteo Villa, University of Pisa

Speakers (Participating Online)
Milena Büchs, University of Leeds
Martin Fritz, Friedrich Schiller University Jena
Tuuli Hirvilammi, University of Jyväskylä
Alexander Ruser, University of Agder

Scientific Committee
Matteo Villa and Marta Bonetti, University of Pisa
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Program

I. Open Workshop
Current research topics and approaches on welfare sustainability
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- Institutional Welcome 14:00 – 14:15
- Introduction: discussing the sustainable welfare 14:15 – 14:30
- First session of presentations and debate 14:30 – 16:00
  Break
- Second session of presentations and debate 16:30 – 18:00
- Synthesis and Conclusion 18:00 – 18:30

II. Working Seminar (By Invitation Only)
12 November 2019, 9:00 – 13:00

Theme

The growing environmental concern has led some scholars to acknowledge the role of welfare systems as part of an unsustainable growth model and to discuss the potential contradictions between increasing demands for social protection, fiscal crises, and new social risks produced by the ecological crisis and the policies to counteract it. Concepts of sustainable welfare, ecological state and eco-social policies have been elaborated to combine social goal with environmental and economic sustainability. To achieve this ambitious aim, welfare state systems have to face difficult dilemmas, deal with potential trade-offs, and problems of synchronization between ecological limits, social protection and employment goals. The workshop brings together scholars from different countries, scientific networks and working across various research fields (e.g., Social Policy, Ecological Economics, Organizational and Urban Studies) to discuss the current research topics, approaches, findings and develop further research perspectives and actions.