

## Guest lecture by professor Matteo Villa, University of Pisa:

Topic: *Action Research*

Date : 06. 11. 2018

Time : 9.15-12.00

Lecture hall: 51-131

### **A sustainable-democratic approach to social change and knowledge? Dialogue on limits and potentials of action-research from Italian experiences**

The talk-seminar aims at discussing some research- and action-driven experiences in action-research in Italy. The dialogue will focus on examples of community-organization processes, social policy research, organizational change in non-profit organizations, and participatory methods in teaching.

Discussion will be based on stories, examples, insights and feelings to reflect on some issues such as (not all of them, probably): how we know what we know...reason and emotion, body, mind, environment; knowledge, action, change and power; science and society; ethics, polity and methodology; sustainability transitions; etc.

#### **Publications:**

Villa M. (2016), "The transformative role of the social investment welfare state towards sustainability. Criticisms and potentialities in fragile areas", *Sociologia e Politiche Sociali*, Vol. 3/2016

Bonetti M., Villa M. (2014). "In the shadow of legalism: understanding community participation in an overlybureaucratic context", *Critical Policy Studies*, Vol. 8/4 2014

Villa M., TOMEI G (2012). *Unveiling rhetoric, promoting social practices: the problem of participation in the new Tuscany Welfare System*. In: G.O. Tsobanoglou (ed.), "The Politics of Participation and Empowerment: Current Issues And Practices". p. 81-101, Hildesheim:Verlag fur Gesellschaftsarchitektur

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