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

**International Open Workshop**, 11 November 2019, 13:30 – 18:30

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

Aula Magna Palazzo Boileau, via Santa Maria, 85 – Pisa

**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, *Norwegian University of Life Sciences*
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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I. Open Workshop: Current research topics and approaches on welfare sustainability
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**Participants welcome**
- 13:30 – 14:00
  - Institutional Welcome
- 14:00 – 14:15
  - Introduction: discussing the sustainable welfare

**I Session**
14:30 – 16:00

**Onsite participants**
- Katharina Bohnemberger. *Sustainable Welfare: challenges, theories and applications in a new research field*
- Roberta Cucca. *Rethinking housing policies, within ecological limits and new social needs*
- Simone D'Alessandro. *Social cohesion in the ecological transition. Ecohesion*

**Online participants**
- Martin Fritz. *Values, knowledge and mentalities: The role of survey research for the agenda of sustainable welfare*

**II Session**
16:15 – 17:30

**Onsite participants**
- Christine Corlet Walker. *Expert perspectives on the future of welfare without growth*
- Gerlinde Verbist. *Distribution and determinants of household greenhouse gas emissions in Belgium*

**Online participants**
- Milena Büchs. *Rethinking wellbeing and welfare for tackling the climate crisis*
- Alexander Ruser. *The good, the bad and the poor? Environmental goals and its unintended influence of social inequality*

**Similarities, differences, outlooks: further steps in welfare sustainability research**
- Discussion facilitated by Yuri Kazepov and Matteo Villa
- 17:30 – 18:30

II. Working Seminar (By Invitation Only)
12 November 2019, 9:00 – 13:00
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Ricalibratura del welfare e crisi ecologica: temi, approcci e risultati di ricerca per una transizione sostenibile

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.

Tema (IT):

Gli sviluppi della crisi ambientale, in particolare, hanno portato alcuni studiosi a riconoscere il ruolo dei sistemi di welfare come parte di un modello di crescita insostenibile e a discutere le potenziali contraddizioni tra le crescenti richieste di protezione sociale, crisi fiscali e nuovi rischi sociali prodotti dai cambiamenti climatici e dalle stesse politiche volte a contrastarli. I concetti di sustainable welfare, ecological states ed eco-social policy sono stati elaborati proprio per rispondere ai bisogni della società “entro limiti ecologici, da una prospettiva intergenerazionale e globale”. Come tale, il welfare state dovrebbe integrare le politiche sociali con quelle ambientali, affrontando le potenziali contraddizioni, i problemi di sincronizzazione e i possibili compromessi tra occupazione e ambiente. Il workshop riunisce studiosi provenienti da diversi paesi, reti scientifiche e campi di ricerca (politica sociale, economia ecologica, studi organizzativi e studi urbani) per discutere gli attuali temi, approcci e risultati di ricerca e sviluppare ulteriori prospettive e azioni integrate.

11 November Monday afternoon: free participation (no registration required)
11 Novembre Lunedì pomeriggio: partecipazione libera e gratuita (non occorre iscrizione)

12 November Tuesday morning: participation by invitation only
12 Novembre Martedì mattina: partecipazione solo su invito