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CALL FOR PAPERS

Routing Sustainable Development towards a Culture of Wellbeing

International Symposium organized by the University of Ferrara

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Wednesday 1 - Thursday 2 October 2014

While becoming a high-sounding, almost ubiquitous term, sustainability has undergone significant conceptual transformations over the decades. Economics, environment, politics and culture are the four domains identified by the Circles of Sustainability approach in agreement with the United Nations Agenda 21, which introduces culture as the fourth domain of sustainable development.

A pivotal purpose of networking on sustainability is thus to investigate how the production, use, and management of resources intersects the role of humans as producers, users and custodians of cultures to be sustained. What it means to sustain humanity and the multiplicity of its cultural expressions in a trans-human age calls for enquiries into what wellbeing means with regard to biological and cultural diversity; different geographical and environmental factors; dissimilar views on science and technology; varying notions of norm and justice.

A culture of wellbeing presupposes that economic health, environmental responsibility, social equity and cultural vitality are seen as interdependent and featuring material and non-material, tangible and intangible aspects. While investigating sustainability and wellbeing in each of the four domains below, the symposium will address theoretical issues and case studies in an interdisciplinary perspective, define specific research areas, and identify good practices of sustainable wellbeing.

ECONOMICS: production and resourcing; consumption and use; labour and welfare; technology and infrastructure;

ENVIRONMENT: flora and fauna; habitat and food; materials and resources; energy, water and air; emission and waste; multi-hazard mitigation;

POLITICS: law, justice and gender equality; citizenship; education and health; security; dialogue; ethics;

CULTURE: identities and memories, the value of humanistic learning and heritage; beliefs and ideologies; interculturality and the politics of affect, creativity and creolization.

You are invited to submit proposals for thirty-minute research papers on these topics. Please send the title of your paper and a 300-word abstract by Friday 27 June to Paola Spinozzi, paola.spinozzi@unife.it.