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THE INTEGRATED ECOLOGICAL APPROACH AS A GUIDE AND PLANNING OPPORTUNITY FOR TERRITORIES AND CITIES BETWEEN TRANSFORMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS

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Following the line of research characterized by the integrated ecological approach, the Session asks for contributions from experiences or studies related to transformations, first of all, the existing one: occasion to raise the quality of life, environmental sustainability and risk reduction. Where possible, it may be very useful to see the lag between “expected” and “got” results. Appold and Kasarda already in 1991 pointed out the necessity of an “human ecology”. Human ecology that is the centre of the Enciclica Laudato Sii, whose complete title is “for the Cure of the Common Home”. “Ecology of Law: Science, Politics, Common Goods” (Ecologia del diritto. Scienza, politica, beni comuni) is the recent book (2016) by physicist F. Capra and jurist U. Mattei. They require a new approach in the interpretation of the world, system of a vast network of fluid communities of whose to study the dynamic interactions. So following the suggestion gave from Fusco Girard, at the International Symposium New Metropolitan Perspectives 2016, which recalled the need for an “ecological economy”. Italy, a Nation made by so many small/medium towns and a rich patrimony of signs of the history and nature, may propose, thanks to Local Knowledge and Innovation, scenarios based on environmental and social sustainability. So the current crisis, can be a turning point – the meaning of the originary Greek word κρίσις – of the model based on the industrial paradigm – using metaphorically a Kuhn term related to scientific revolutions (1962) – whose limits were declared in The Limits to Growth (1972). So doing the Session aligns itself with the indications that the EU itself did in the Leipzig Charter (2007, p.3), that requires “...integrated planning strategies that connect rural and not rural areas, small, medium, big towns, metropolitan areas”. It follows the objective of Smart City, 2010 i.e. to build “local Communities inclusive and sustainable, either materially that socially”.

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