

Scienze del Territorio / Territorial Sciences

Sixth issue “Local economies of the territory as the commons”

Call for papers – New deadline: June 30, 2017

The dramatic imbalances and inequalities generated by globalised economy call for a reflection on how to build an alternative to this economic model, destroying territories as it centralises resources and power in a few hands. In order to define a plausible alternative, it is useful to focus on territories and the essential needs of people; it is therefore necessary to rethink development in economic but also social, environmental, cultural terms, relying on the experiences and practices of everyday life, on a widespread access to common goods and on a local territorial dimension. Such were the topics dealt with in the IV Congress of the Territorialist Society, whose proceedings are available at <http://goo.gl/xwvuln>.

The sixth issue of *Scienze del Territorio / Territorial Sciences* will deal with such issues, hosting in the “Science in Action” section – peer reviewed in double blind – essays and studies on the development of a new model for local development characterised by the patrimonialisation of territories as the basis for the social production of wealth. To be accepted, papers should match the following research paths.

- *The role of local heritage as a driver of development.* How should we implement a “return to territories” of local production systems apt to put in value territorial heritage in durable and self-sustainable forms? What are the most significant experiences of projects based on the integrated enhancement of local resources?
- *Strategic industries for new economies.* Which will be, in the post-crisis, the strategic industries assuming the enhancement of territorial heritage as a common good? How will the relationship with territories and local communities change in the management of such industries? How will the bioregional scale (in terms of hydraulics, environment, energy, food, etc.) ensure the functionality of local socio-productive systems?
- *Ethical economy and new forms of enterprise.* What is the relationship between the growth of “place consciousness”, the enhancement of local patrimonial resources and the definition of social and shared agreements for the management of production? How should we implement the transition from corporate social responsibility to socio-territorial responsibility towards integrated production systems, aimed at the pursuit of the common good and public happiness?

- *Finance capitalism and new markets.* How will new re-territorialised economies relate with the finance capitalism still dominating the global market? What are the real chances to build integrated economic relationship between local socio-territorial systems and forms of market intended as “social construct”, apt to activate cooperative exchange networks between local systems and regional markets?
- *New geography of local government.* Which will be the territorial dimension of local socio-economic systems in the stage of institutional reorganisation? Which role should local governments play in the management of local socio-economic systems aimed at managing territorial common goods (“commoning”)? Which should be local government’s new roles and responsibilities with respect to local self-organisation in the proactive regulation of social production of territories?
- *Hospitality and social integration for the economic development.* What role can be played by openness, hospitality, the sharing of local patrimonial resources with new inhabitants in triggering development processes? How can acceptance and inclusion of migrants in repopulation processes of inland areas, as well as their social and economic integration, contribute to a good operation of local socio-productive systems?
- *Proactive role of the South.* What lesson can we learn from the many experiences of ethically oriented enterprises, in Southern Italy and Mediterranean area, which resist the infiltration of the mafia underworld and positively contribute to the construction of an economical alternative to the dominant power system?

Deadline and submission procedure

Papers should be sent, via e-mail only, to the following address:
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Papers should strictly comply with the submission guidelines downloadable from <http://bit.ly/2m0V8vc>. For further information, please email us at rivista@societadeiterritorialisti.it.