

VI International Seminar "Development trajectories in the 21st century"

Poggio Mirteto (Rome) 12 - 16 June 2022

Introduction

ISMERI's 2022 seminar focuses on "development trajectories" in Europe, Africa and other parts of the world. Central questions include visions in each region, how we recognize longer-term objectives, challenges that we face separately or together, patterns of global and local governance that can help us and, ultimately, what we may have to accept for better or worse.

After several decades of rapid globalisation and major shifts in the balance of power there is widespread uncertainty about how economic, political, financial, social and environmental risks will impact countries in different parts of the world and how we can best face up to them. Our paradigm in researching the future is an open one, recognizing that we have to modify our vision of the society and economy that will emerge in coming decades with changing pressures and rules. We must be ready to give up past certainties and be open to new understanding and perspectives.

The seminar covers several interrelated themes concerning the world as a whole and Africa and Europe specifically. Here I suggest some specific questions which may be relevant and can help to shape our still unclear ideas about the future.

- 1) To what extent will the crisis of globalization affect the geographical allocation of production and the patterns of trade in different parts of the world?
- 2) What kind of policy interventions can deal with the rise in public debt? Will it bring a financial crisis?
- 3) Has the pandemic altered the balance of economic power?
- 4) The crisis of multilateralism, which was a pillar of the past growth pattern, has generated different accommodations peaceful co-existence (China), pragmatic bilateralism (EU) and conflicting unilateralism (USA). What common institutions, if any, can sustain multilateral cooperation in face of urgent global problems?
- 5) Will the trend of increasing inequalities in wealth, income, jobs and living conditions within countries and between countries undermine social and political systems which were already



shaky? Can recovery policies generate a response in wealthy countries? And how about poorer countries?

- 6) What role can the state take on at central and local levels and in relation to which major issues?
- 7) The longer crises lasts, the more we feel the difficulty of states in keeping up with a changing world and their inability to organize a fast, nonbureaucratic, creative and open response to a constantly fluid situation. Will the urgency of issues push states to be more responsive and effective?
- 8) To address the new situation after the pandemic, how can individual and social creativity secure the space to adapt and actively forge a "new normal"? Which new institutional order and policies are necessary to achieve this? Will the debate on new priorities and institutions be put at the center of the political agenda?
- 10) What changes and which policies are needed to reform organization of the state and political governance?
- 11) How much can we expect from regional associations of countries in each part of the world, given the continuing strength of nationalism and ethnicity?
- 12) The priorities of the EU's recovery and resilience facility (RRF) raise the questions of whether an effective common environmental and social policy is feasible and whether this type of action can help to restore growth and employment in a relatively short term. Is NextGenerationEU an opening for epochal change in Europe?

The seminar will open up these issues over three days.

At the global level by reviewing development trajectories for the world economy (using the CAM model). These scenarios are an update of the AUGUR project carried out for the Union in 2009-2012 and provide a quantitative frame for discussion of geo-economic and geo-political issues.

Focus on Africa will bring out the scale of future needs and opportunities and the fragility of trade and financial relationships which are obstacles to economic transformation.

Focus on Europe will examine the differential impacts of global changes on centre-periphery relationships and the problem of adopting common goals and instruments to face up to the various challenges.

Organisation of the seminar is informal. Each session is introduced by one or more 10-20 minute presentations followed by roundtable discussion seeking to reach a common understanding that encompasses the variety of perspectives expressed.



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Provisional Program

Sunday 12th June 2022 Arrival and dinner at Poggio Mirteto residence

Day 1 Monday 13th June 2022

Global scenarios and structural change in coming decades

09.30 - 10.15	Welcome and introductions
	E. Wolleb
_	Round table
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break
10.30 – 13.00	Sustainable development after COVID
	Chair: E Wolleb
	Presentation: F Cripps
	Discussion: J Mazier, AG Fole
	Wrap-up: I Diwan
13.15 – 14.30	Light lunch
14.30 – 16.00	Migration flows
	Chair: P Petit
	Presentations: A Venturini, O Chudinovskikh (on line), J-C Dumont (TBC)
	Round table
	Wrap-up: U Melchionda
16.00 - 16.15	Tea break
16.15 – 18.15	Climate change, geo-economics and geo-politics
	Chair: M Ricceri
	Presentation: J-C Hourcade
	Panel: A Ninni, A Mairate
	Presentation: M. Landesmann
	Panel: D Drache, CP Chandrasekhar (on line)
Г	Round table
18.30	Visit
20.30	Dinner
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Day 2 Tuesday 14th June 2022

African visions and development perspectives

09.30 – 10.45	African visions
	Chair: JM Matovu
	Presentation: AG Fole
	Panel: JM Matovu, A Gaiya (on line), M Raffinot, A Andreoni
	Wrap-up: I Diwan
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 13.00	African trajectories
	Chair: A Naldini
	Presentation: F Cripps
	Discussion: AG Fole, JM Matovu, A Gaiya (on line), M Raffinot
	Wrap-up: M Meskoub
13.30 – 14.45	Light lunch
14.45 – 16.30	Structural change in Africa
	Chair: E Wolleb
	Presentation: A Andreoni
	Panel: JM Matovu, A Gaiya (on line), AG Fole, I Diwan
	Questions
	Wrap-up: R McDowell
17.00	Event
20.30	Dinner

The speakers should refer to the relevant papers in annex and to the presentations previously circulated in order to focus the panels.



Day 3 Wednesday 15th June 2022

Europe's future in the 21st century

Green transition and growth/degrowth Chair: A Andreoni Presentation: A Mairate Panel: M Meskoub, P Petit, M Ricceri, JC Hourcade, I Diwan Wrap-up: T Ward
Coffee break
One Europe, two or many?
Chair: D Drache
Presentation: R Römisch
Panel: T Ward, A Naldini, G Morgan, R Capello
Round table
Wrap-up: A Mairate
Light lunch
Concluding session
Chair: F Cripps
Panel: AG Fole, A Mairate, R McDowell, I Diwan, D Drache
Wrap-up: E Wolleb, P Petit
Dinner



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