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# VII International Seminar

## "Green transition"

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**Poggio Mirteto (Rome) 11-14 June 2023**

### Introduction

ISMERI's 2023 seminar focuses on globalization and green transition in Europe, Africa and in other major countries in America and Asia. A set of quantitative CAM scenarios 2040, thematic contributions by experts and officials and the first results of ongoing studies should animate an open and informal discussion. A conclusion will be drafted jointly as a final result.

Political and military tensions and conflicts are at present prevailing in the geopolitical arena; they affect globalization, green transition and the way economic, social and financial policies are carried out. A mix of fragmentation between country blocks and of cohesion within blocks seems to be emerging as a new geopolitical trend.

Our seminar will focus on how structural and political changes related to climate change, energy supply and decarbonisation will impact wealth, income and lifestyles in different parts of the world economy, through the next decades.

What are the visions in each group of countries? How will patterns of global and regional governance change?

After decades of rapid globalisation and changes in the balance of power, we need to understand how climate change, pressure on the environment and green initiatives will impact politics and policies in the future.

The 2023 seminar follows on from a meeting last year where more than twenty participants reviewed uneven prospects of different parts of the world for sustainable development in the aftermath of the COVID-19 recession and the conflict in Ukraine. It was clear that the urgency of decarbonisation and the emergence of new political rifts exacerbate challenges facing government in all regions.

In order to provide the discussion with a quantitative and logical frame, scenarios on Europe, Africa and the rest of the world focusing on three main aspects will be presented: to what extent and how globalization, the environment and climate change, green transition policies are impacting our economies and societies and how inequalities are evolving within our societies and between countries and geopolitical blocks. Scenarios will open the discussion in each of the sections focusing on the world economy, Africa and Europe.

Last year's seminar observed the emergence of the growth of inequalities and the changes in the dimension and patterns of trade as a result of the Covid pandemic and Ukraine war, new waves of migration and a reset of the energy market patterns due to the boycott of energy imports from Russia. This year we can have a clearer view of the impact of policies post Covid and of the changes in the geopolitical context.

This year's seminar will focus on three aspects with the support of an ad hoc CAM scenario 2040, made for a study for the European Union, to identify how green transition, globalization and other



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major population trends will impact the world economy and its blocks, like the USA, China, SA, India etc.

In addition to the global scenarios developments, the second day will focus on Africa, where issues such as energy, the environment, climate change and globalization, as well as social and development needs and opportunities, are crucial and will have a major impact on the geopolitical, economic and social context. In particular, it is relevant to analyse the attitudes of China, the European Union and the USA towards African development, the volume of trade, and the objectives of their investments in forging their relationships and influencing local national decision-making processes and redirecting development strategies away from the present patterns.

We will not only focus on the macro scenario of policy making in which the main geopolitical actors operate, but also on how cities and rural communities work and deal with green transition, climate change and other problems. Similarly to last year, we will profit from the attendance of experts and policy makers and institutions operating in Europe, African countries and the USA, allowing us a genuine and comprehensive overview of the current situation, of the local policies carried out. of future perspectives, and the way they are perceived at a local level.

On the third day we focus on EU development scenarios and the impact of the ongoing policies on green transition, on how industrial and competition policy (single market rules) are affected, what policies are carried out in this respect with the NFE and other national and European investment funds, and finally how demographic factors, inequalities and regional disparities are going to develop as a result of these policies, which will characterize the EU policy picture over the next two decades at least. First results from studies on these themes will be presented and discussed.

In conclusion, this year the seminar will pay attention to the potential impact of structural changes through green transition on the environment, economies and rural and urban livelihoods. In particular we seek to understand potential pitfalls and benefits in Europe and Africa and the rest of the world, looking ahead to the mid-century and beyond.

Here I suggest some themes which may shape our as yet unclear ideas about a green future.

- 1) The priority of global challenges and response of countries in different parts of the world
- 2) The impact of decarbonisation on trade, investment and finance
- 3) How global and regional issues are addressed, given the strength of populism and nationalism
- 4) How space can be secured for development that respects ecological interdependence and diversity of human societies
- 5) How the role of the state benefits from the green transition
- 6) How to build green towns and cities and their potential role in the green transition policy.
- 7) Cohesion policies: their future shape in the next decades in Europe and elsewhere.
- 8) How Europe can work with other world regions to share technologies and reduce gaps.



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The seminar will open up these issues:

- **at the global level** by reviewing major challenges, their impact on trade and investment and the geopolitical contexts in which they have to be addressed,
- **in a focus on Africa** where 'green' development issues face a context of fragile trade and financial relationships which leave most African countries dependent on commodity exports augmented by remittances and external finance,
- **and in a focus on Europe** to review the future of cohesion policies and cooperation with other world regions.

Organisation of the seminar is informal. Each session is introduced by one or more presentations followed by round-table discussion seeking to reach a common understanding which encompasses the variety of perspectives contributed by participants.

The seminar is residential, since we believe in the effectiveness of ongoing informal discussion amongst experts and practitioners of various expertise and origins to arrive at a non-conventional policy analysis and synthesis by the end of the three days.

Ismeri Europa will take care of your transport from/to the airport and organize and cover lodging and meal expenses for the whole period (arrival on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June and departure on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June). Guest will have to pay for their traveling from abroad; we can dispose of a very limited number of (2 or 3) tickets exclusively from African scholars possibly non employed by an international institution. Anyway, do let us know the situation.

I spend a few words on the format of the seminar which put the scenarios and the roundtable discussion at the centre of the work and try to produce some conclusions out of this exercise. Invited guests have been provisionally included in the sessions, to verify their interest and willingness to participate. They are free to specify and propose changes of focus of their presentation within the broad themes of the seminar with the aim to animate the discussion and comment scenarios hypothesis and figures. Furthermore, it is not compulsory to do a presentation to attend the seminar. Participants are welcome to contribute to the scenarios and to the other presentations, during the roundtables in each session, to which all the participants are invited to take part.



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## Provisional Program

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023**      **Arrival and dinner at Poggio Mirteto**

### Day 1 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### Global changes in coming decades

09.30 – 10.00	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> E. Wolleb
10.00 – 13.00	<b>The world economy: scenarios to 2040: post-Covid, inflation, trade, growth, disparities etc.</b> Chair: Andrea Mairate Presentation: Francis Cripps Comments: Michael Landesmann, Jacques Mazier, Aaron Thegeya  Discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Light lunch
14.30 – 16.00	<b>Climate, ecology and environmental imperatives: a focus on green transition policies and their potential impact on growth, inequalities, welfare and migration</b> Chair: Pascal Petit Presentation: A. Mairate Panel: Jeff Worden, Jean-Charles Hourcade, Olga Chudinowskikh, Augusto Ninni, Mahmoud Meskoub, Maha Ben Ghada  Round table
16.00 - 16.30	Tea break
16.30 – 18.30	<b>The planet and the economy in a context of nationalism and populism: features and evolution of the geopolitical arena.</b> Chair: Marco Ricceri  Panel: Daniel Drache, Pascal Petit, Glyn Morgan, Werner Raza, Imen Louati  Round table Wrap-up: Robert McDowell
20.30	Dinner

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## Day 2 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### African perspectives

9.15 – 10.30	<b>Africa: development perspectives in scenarios 2040 and the impact of environmental policies and green transition:</b> Chair: Aaron Thegeya Presentation: Francis Cripps.  Round table
10.30 – 11.30	<b>Eco-agriculture and food sufficiency</b> Chair: R. Ridolfi Presentation: Jeff Worden  Panel: Alice Ruweza, Amrik Heyer, Imen Louati  Round table
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 13.15	<b>Green energy and resource-based development in Africa</b> Chair: Christopher Cripps Presentation: Maha Ben Gadha Panel: Jeff Worden, Aaron Thegeya, Paolo Craviolatti Round table
13.15 – 14.45	Light lunch
14.45 – 16.00	<b>Inclusive finance for green economic development</b> Chair: Pascal Petit Presentation: R. Ridolfi, Thomas Melonio Panel: Amrik Heyer, Marc Raffinot, Aaron Thegeya  Round table
16.00 – 17.30	<b>Building green towns and cities</b> Chair: Robert Mc Dowell Presentation: Paolo Craviolatti, Paolo Motta Panel: Christopher Cripps, Seeta Shah (TBC online), Edoardo Zanchini, Jeff Worden, Patrick Lamson-Hall  Round table Wrap-up: M. Meskoub
18.00	Musical event
20.30	Dinner

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## Day 3 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Europe: cohesion and cooperation

09.30 – 11.30	<p><b>EU Scenario 2040. Impact of globalization and green transition policies on Europe and the impact on disparities and Cohesion policy.</b></p> <p>Chair: Andrea Naldini</p> <p>Presentation: Roman Römisch</p> <p>Panel: Andrea Naldini, Terry Ward, Alessandro Daraio, Francis Cripps, Jorge Nuñez, Madalina Suta, Olga Ivanova</p> <p>Round table</p> <p>Wrap-up: Michael Landesmann</p>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
12.30 – 13.30	<p><b>How can Europe work with other regions of the world...</b></p> <p>Chair: Marc Raffinot</p> <p>Panel: Daniel Drache, Aaron Thegeya, Glyn Morgan, Ugo Melchionda, Mahmoud Meskoub, Alessandra Venturini, Werner Raza,</p> <p>Round table</p> <p>Wrap-up: F. Cripps</p>
13.30 – 14.30	Light lunch
14.30 – 16.30	<p><b>Concluding session</b></p> <p>Chair: Enrico Wolleb</p> <p>Round table</p> <p>Wrap-up: Jacques Mazier, Pascal Petit, M Landesmann</p>
20.30	Dinner

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