

Conference on Integral Ecology – for social and ecological transformation

11-13 January 2024. Conference on Integral Ecology – for social and ecological transformation

Starting afresh from Laudato Si on the 10th anniversary of the Pontificate of Pope Francis



On Wednesday 10th January at the Sophia University Institute the conference on the topic of integral ecology: ‘For a social and ecological transformation’ organised by **DIALOP Transversal Dialogue Project**, a ‘dialogue platform’ between the European Left and the Vatican – www.dialop.eu started.

The aim of the conference to be held **from 11 to 13 January** is to reread the document Laudato Si considering, against the backdrop, the too weak countermeasures to the climate crisis undertaken so far, as well as the clear failure of important economic-political efforts to avoid global climate collapse. “We share the strong warning of Pope Francis: “... this economy kills” (EG 53) – so says José Manuel Pureza of the University of Coimbra, on behalf of the conference’s scientific committee – and we condemn the deep-seated reasons for the ongoing climate catastrophe. Our conviction is that the only way out is a serious and concerted response to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth’.

The invited experts intend to go beyond a technocratic vision and rather emphasise philosophical, theological and humanistic aspects that, coming from different visions, can forcefully highlight the stalemate of the ecological crisis, if it does not start from an awareness of an anthropological, even more than ecological, handicap.

Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonca, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Catholic Education will open the conference on the afternoon of 11 January 2024 in the Aula Magna of the Sophia University Institute.

Among the participants:

Baier Walter, President of the Party of the European Left in the European Parliament

Barrios Prieto Manuel, Secretary General Commission of the Bishops' Conferences/COMECE to the European Union

Brie Michael, President of the Scientific Committee – Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin

Bruni Luigino, Professor of Political Economy LUMSA University, Rome and Sophia University Institute

Fazenda Luís, Portuguese politician from the Bloco de Esquerda

Gabriel Ingeborg, former Chair of Social Ethics, University of Vienna

Hildebrandt Cornelia, Co-President of transform!europe

Löwy Michael, former Director of the Centre national de la recherche scientifique/CNRS (France)

Maurer Helmut, Senior Expert at the European Commission – DG Environment

Stefania Papa, Associate Professor of Ecology, University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli” (Italy)

Preiser Anna, Researcher, Institute of Political Science, University of Vienna

Pureza José Manuel, Prof. School of Economics, University of Coimbra

Rondinara Sergio, Chair of Epistemology, Sophia University Institute

In addition, 25 other academics as well as young researchers from ten European and non-European countries, whose research was selected by the conference's Scientific Committee after responding to the Call for Papers launched last summer by DIALOP, will present their work.

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The conference will be held in Italian and English. The event will be broadcast live on Youtube at this [link](#).

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