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Integral Ecology and Multilateralism: Reflections on the Future of Global Governance

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 Complesso di San Francesco a Ripa
piazza di Porta Portese 6, Rome, Italy

Concept Note

The international community is facing an unprecedented convergence of crises. Climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, growing inequalities, geopolitical tensions, public health threats, food insecurity, and technological disruption are increasingly interconnected and mutually reinforcing. Traditional governance mechanisms, often organized in sectoral silos, struggle to address the complexity of these challenges, revealing the urgent need for more integrated, inclusive, and systemic approaches.

Against this backdrop, the concept of **Integral Ecology**, introduced by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*, offers a valuable framework for rethinking the relationship between humanity, nature, society, and institutions. Integral Ecology recognizes that environmental, social, economic, cultural, and ethical dimensions are deeply interconnected and that sustainable solutions require holistic responses that address root causes rather than isolated symptoms.

At the same time, multilateral institutions are undergoing a period of profound transformation. Questions surrounding the effectiveness, legitimacy, inclusiveness, and adaptability of global governance mechanisms have become increasingly central. The growing recognition of Indigenous knowledge systems, local communities, youth participation, and transdisciplinary science highlights the need to expand traditional governance models toward more collaborative and pluralistic approaches.

The event “**Integral Ecology and Multilateralism: Reflections on the Future of Global Governance**” seeks to create a space for dialogue among policymakers, academics, representatives of international organizations, faith-based actors, civil society organizations, youth leaders, and experts from diverse disciplines. The initiative aims to explore how Integral Ecology can contribute to strengthening multilateral cooperation and fostering more coherent responses to contemporary global challenges.

Particular attention will be given to the intersections between One Health, planetary health, climate governance, biodiversity conservation, peacebuilding, sustainable development, human rights, and social justice. The event will also examine the growing importance of Indigenous and traditional knowledge systems, the science-policy interface, and emerging models of participatory governance. Through keynote interventions, roundtable discussions, and participatory dialogues, participants will



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reflect on pathways toward a renewed multilateralism capable of promoting ecological integrity, human dignity, intergenerational justice, and global solidarity.

The outcomes of the event will contribute to ongoing discussions surrounding the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and preparations toward future international environmental and health policy processes.

Objectives

- Explore Integral Ecology as a framework for addressing interconnected global crises.
 - Strengthen dialogue between science, policy, diplomacy, and civil society.
 - Promote the integration of One Health and Planetary Health perspectives into governance systems.
 - Examine the contribution of Indigenous and traditional knowledge to global decision-making.
 - Identify opportunities for strengthening multilateral cooperation and institutional innovation.
 - Foster collaboration among stakeholders working on sustainability, health, climate, and biodiversity.
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Agenda

Thursday, 25 June 2026

Reimagining Multilateralism in an Era of Polycrisis

09:30 –10:00 - Registration and Welcome

10:00 – 10.15

Opening

- Welcome Remarks , **Matteo Gnes**, *Director of IGHER (EPLA) and Professor of Administrative Law at the University of Urbino (Italy)*
- Opening event: **Domenico Vito**, *co-chair of International One-Health Conference and founder Osservatorio Parigi*

10.15- 10.45 - Opening Keynote

Integral Ecology and the Future of Global Governance

Talieh Woegerbauer, *National Focal Point for ACE and Senior Policy Advisor/ Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management Government of Austria*

11.00-12.00 High-Level Roundtable I Multilateralism under Pressure: Challenges and Opportunities

Roberta Ianna – *Senior official, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (currently engaged in international climate and sustainable development diplomacy).*

Aurora Audino, *Climate Policy and Sustainable Finance Consultant, Brussels; European Climate Pact Ambassador; Former Italian Youth Climate Delegate (Youth4Climate)*

Q&A and discussion 12.00 - 12.30