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International Meeting

RELATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Contribution of Natural and Human Sciences to a New Synthesis of Personal, Environmental, Social, and Economic Dimensions

Castel Gandolfo, Italy and Cordoba, Argentina, 18-20 October 2024

Relational sustainability represents a holistic concept that embraces the connections between individuals, between people and nature and between individuals and society. It is an invitation to cultivate deep, authentic and lasting relationships in all areas of our existence, laying the foundations for a more cohesive, resilient, just and sustainable world. Dialogue with openness, honesty and respect, creating a safe space for sharing ideas, emotions and needs, both within interpersonal relationships and in the dialogue between man and nature. Understanding the points of view of others, putting yourself in their shoes and trying to grasp their emotions, both in interpersonal relationships and in the relationship with the natural environment. Human beings are an integral part of nature, not an entity separate from it. This relationship is fundamental to our individual and collective well-being. Nature provides us with food, shelter, medicine, and inspiration, and is a source of recreation, contemplation, and connection with something greater than ourselves. Human activities have had a significant impact on the natural environment, causing pollution, deforestation, biodiversity loss and climate change. These imbalances put our very existence and that of future generations at risk. To ensure relational sustainability in its broadest sense, it is necessary to rethink our relationship with nature. Building a sustainable relationship with nature and between individuals is a complex commitment that requires everyone's collaboration. Governments, businesses, nonprofits and individual citizens must work together to promote sustainable practices, protect the planet and cultivate authentic, lasting relationships. Only by recognizing our interconnection with the natural environment, adopting more sustainable lifestyles and building relationships based on respect, compassion and collaboration can we ensure a prosperous future for people, nature and society as a whole.

The program will include invited talks, selected presentations (either oral or poster), round tables, thematic workshops and plenary sessions in dialogue with the speakers. The contributions solicited include the following topics:

- Integral Ecology
- Environmental Ethics
- Sustainable Development
- Circular Economy
- Happy Degrowth
- Attention Restoration Theory (ART)
- Health and Environment
- Ecosystems and Environmental Research
- Environmental Challenges (global warming, plastic pollution, etc.)
- Technological Solutions (energy efficiency, renewable sources, etc.)
- Ecology and Society (economics, politics, communication, sport, arts and religions role facing the environmental crisis)
- Sustainable architecture and urban planning
- Education for sustainability
- Ecotheology

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Program (at the Castel Gandolfo headquarters)

DAYS	October 18 rd , 2024	October 19 th , 2024	October 20 th , 2024
9:00 – 10:30		Parallel sessions (three lecture rooms)	Plenary session
11:30 – 13:00	ARRIVAL	Thematic workshops (three lecture rooms)	Collection of results from parallel sessions & thematic workshops
13:30 – 14:30		LUNCH BREAK	Conclusions (Teleconference with South America)
15:00 – 16:30	Plenary session (Teleconference with South America) What is unique in Relational Sustainability?	Plenary session (Teleconference with South America) Challenges of food production The energy transition Preserving biodiversity	
17:00 – 17:40	Plenary session (Teleconference with South America) The environmental question in the ancestral cultures of Latin America and the Caribbean		DEPARTURE
18:00 – 19:00	Ice breaker & poster session	Ice breaker & poster session	

	Abstract submission deadline:	September 5 th , 2024
IMPORTANT	Notification of acceptance:	September 20 th , 2024
DATES:	Registration:	September 25 th , 2024

General information and meeting logistics

LANGUAGES

The meeting will be held in English and Italian at the Castel Gandolfo headquarters, and in Spanish and Portuguese at the Córdoba headquarters. At the Castel Gandolfo headquarters and during the international planetary sessions, translations will be available in English, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Hungarian.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

It is possible to participate in the meeting in three different ways:

- **1. IN PRESENCE**: You need to register to the meeting by specifying this participation mode if you want to be personally present to the meeting at the venue of Castel Gandolfo or at the Córdoba headquarters having the opportunity to interact with the speakers all the time and also to show your activity to other participants.
- **2. ON LINE**: You need to register to the meeting by specifying this participation mode if you want to follow the meeting online by using your device (pc, notebook, tablet, or mobile). You will have the opportunity to interact with the speakers during the sessions and to show your activity to other participants. After your registration, you will receive a link to connect using the Zoom platform. This modality will be active to follow the planetary sessions and the program developed at Castel Gandolfo.

REGISTRATION (at the Castel Gandolfo headquarters)*

To register for the congress, at the Castel Gandolfo headquarters complete the Google form, specifying the venue and mode of participation in the following form https://forms.gle/n3Lbdzs8vCBhSRtU9 (in English and Italian)

Europe participants

Before September 11, 2024

	adults	young people**
in presence	140€	50€
online	100€	30€

From September 11, 2024 to September 25, 2024

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in presence	180€	70€
online	120€	50€

Participants from Eastern Europe – Africa – Middle East – Asia (not Korea-Japan) - will have a 30% discount on participation fees.

^{*}For other questions, write to: relationalsustainability@gmail.com (English or Italian) or how to participate in the Latin American headquarters (Córdoba) write to congsostenibilidadrelacional@gmail.com (Spanish or Portuguese)

^{**} students less than 30 years old

ABSTRACT PREPARATION, SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE

The conference accepts abstracts written in English or Italian (CG) or Spanish or Portuguese (Córdoba), with a maximum of 250 words. Abstracts must include a title, authors and corresponding affiliations, and the e-mail of the author presenting the contribution. Always include the English translation of the summary at the end, for later publication.

The abstracts to be submitted should be written under the proposal to better understand how relational sustainability represents a holistic concept that encompasses the connections between individuals, between people and nature and between individuals and society. The theoretical approach should respond to how each of the different sciences can find a way to build the necessary relationships to achieve sustainability by ensuring a prosperous future for people, nature and society as a whole.

Abstracts should be in a Word format template and sent to <u>relationalsustainability@gmail.com</u>, or <u>congsostenibilidadrelacional@gmail.com</u> specifying whether you prefer an oral or poster presentation, or if you have no preference, and in which of the two venues the work will be presented.

The template for the submission of abstracts will be available until 1 July.

The abstracts will be published as proceedings by the São Camilo University Centre Publications Department, Brazil. Authors who are interested can send their articles to the magazine indexed by Scopus "O Mundo da Saúde" (https://revistamundodasaude.emnuvens.com.br/mundodasaude), in the environmental health section. They will be reviewed by peers who will decide their final acceptance.

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