RETHINKING TERRITORY IN THE TRIPLE TRANSITION: TRANSFORMATIONS, CHALLENGES, AND PERSPECTIVES

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The ecological crisis, digital transformations, and current socio-spatial reorganization processes make the territory a key element for interpreting contemporary socio-economic and environmental changes. The polarization between rural areas – marked by marginalization, abandonment, and depopulation – and urban areas – characterized, instead, by intense anthropization and industrialization –, as well as the distinction between inner and non-inner areas, are the result of historical, economic, and cultural stratification. In this context, the triple transition presents both a challenge and an opportunity to redefine relationships between territories, communities, and the environment, ensuring a more balanced distribution of resources and fostering more equitable and inclusive territorial governance. Such complexity, however, requires a multidisciplinary approach that can provide a critical and comprehensive understanding of ongoing transformations.

Building on these premises, the session aims to collect contributions that explore how territories restructure, connect, and direct themselves toward more sustainable and equitable development pathways. Contributions, both theoretical and empirical, in Italian or English, that combine macrostructural analysis with micro-territorial practices are welcome. Proposals that encourage scientific debate on the following topics – listed as examples but not as an exhaustive list – will be highly regarded:

- **Territorial management and development**: the triple transition offers opportunities to rethink development models, policies, and governance structures. Alongside this breach, contributions should examine established and emerging actors in these transition processes, as well as potential outcomes that may exacerbate or generate new socio-spatial inequalities.
- **Socio-spatial transformations and communities**: urban, rural, and intermediate spaces reveal new patterns of appropriation and commodification, making institutional regulation necessary to recenter local communities. However, innovative and collaborative practices also emerge in these contexts (e.g., ERCs and urban gardens), which can enhance the active role of communities in land management.
- **Imaginaries, cultures, and construction processes**: analyses of social representations of urban, rural, and landscape spaces are crucial for understanding territorial transformations and spatial valorization. Moreover, media and cultural narratives contribute greatly to the construction of the collective imagination, influencing perceptions of territories and planning and development strategies.
- **Intersectionality and socio-ecological justice**: intersectional approaches to transition-generated inequalities should highlight how social categories like gender, class, and ethnicity intersect with the resource accessibility, the environmental vulnerability, the decision-making process participation, and resistance strategies.

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