



PROJECT FOR RESEARCH, FORMATION, ACTION

"The governance of change in times of ecological transition"

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We are living in times marked by crises of epochal proportions that highlight the urgency of profound processes of change in the actions of individuals, organizations, and peoples. In the name of *ecological transition*, we see many initiatives for change underway, but we must be aware that not all of them will bring the desired results. Moving towards the common good implies, in fact, responsible evaluations of the active processes and a contribution of this project lies precisely in evaluating these processes of change also from an ethical and theological perspective.

What emerges from the best *corporate governance* today, and what can help any other social governance in discerning about the quality of change, is the possibility of observing it from at least three angles. The first concerns the *quality of the vision* that inspires them, that guides the projects and that motivates the people; because you reap what you sow. The second concerns the set of resources committed in relation to the goal and the *quality of the active dynamics* in committing them. The third concerns the *quality of the desired impacts* and those achieved.

Everything is connected, repeats Pope Francis, and today that science progressively reveals to us the quality of the interactions that make matter so and that evolve natural ecosystems, we can also say that science and faith, together, call us to evolve every system, natural and social, preserving, enhancing, and innovating starting from the *quality of the relationships* that make it so.

Behind all governance, a profound innovation of vision, lifestyles and decision-making criteria, organizational and development models become indispensable. The tools of technology and finance undoubtedly are useful, but is only a tool, while the heart of the transition requires the ethical gaze of an *integral ecology* and an economy oriented towards *integral human development*.

Ensuring sustainability means, that people and communities can develop the ability to self-determine their own future *in harmony*, considering that the changes that lead to this, necessarily passes through the daily ethical choices of all, on which further changes specific to each social system can then be grafted. Therefore, it becomes a priority to develop the natural creative and entrepreneurial propensity of the person, directing it to preserve, enhance and innovate for the common good.

This project was born from the collaboration between professors of the Accademia Alfonsiana^[1], committed to research and ethical and moral training, and people and organizations engaged in significant processes of innovation in the cultural, social, and economic spheres. It constitutes an open path and consists mainly in the development of defined areas of research and consequent training, starting with summer schools. The people and the university, social and entrepreneurial organizations that have joined the project are motivated to offer their own specific contribution and the project remains open to any appropriate collaboration.

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^[1] The Alphonsian Academy is an Institute of Moral Theology, founded in 1949 by the Redemptorist Missionaries and included *ad instar Facultatis* in the Pontifical Lateran University. In the spirit of St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, renewer of moral theology, and in harmony with the Magisterium of the Church, the Alphonsian Academy is oriented towards the total knowledge of man in his personal and Christian dimension. Rooted in the salvific Mystery of Christ the Redeemer, it promotes the value and meaning of life, seeking the norm of human action in history.

APPENDIX: Summer School Presentation, 1^a edition, July 18-22, 2022

The Summer School will take place in Rome at the Accademia Alfonsiana, Largo Brancaccio 31 (formerly via Merulana, 31), on July 18-22, 2022. At the same time and connected via internet, it will also be held experimentally at a first *territorial hub*, in the city of Crotone.

Target group of the initiative are the youth, aged 20 to 35 years: students, researchers, workers, professionals, entrepreneurs, active citizens, change makers.

The youth will reflect on how the epochal crises have highlighted the urgency of profound changes. People, communities, companies, social organizations, are now involved in vast processes of ecological transition, the outcome of which, however, cannot be taken for granted. Because behind the transition there is a need for an integral ecology and an economy that aims at the *common good* and integral human development, including *civil, circular and communitarian*. To make the ecological transition effective, a profound cultural innovation is indispensable behind every governance; it is necessary to innovate vision, lifestyles and decision-making criteria, and organizational and development models. To ensure sustainability in every environment, natural and social, it is necessary to be able to regenerate the economic system so that people and communities can self-determine their future in harmony, considering that peace and sustainability arise from our ethical choices of every day.

The program will be developed through 15 panels, in a full immersion of 5 days, with inter and transdisciplinary approach and focus on issues related to ecology, economics, politics, technology, etc. It will alternate lectures, round tables, testimonies, with group work aimed at entering the so-called challenge of energy communities and will make use of the collaboration of visiting professors pedagogists of the ASA, High School for the Environment of the Catholic University.

In conclusion, on the fifth day there will be an event "open to the city", with important guests, to whom the young people will present their work.

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