



UNESCO CHAIR "Population, Migrations and Development"



Editorial

This newsletter closes a year full of activities for our chair. The last Chair News 23 lists the research and teaching activities, seminars, conferences and meetings in which several members of the chair were involved during 2019. This Chair News 24 aims to report on the activities of the last few months of 2019 and other activities that it was not possible to include in the last newsletter. In addition to the activities listed in the third page, four important events took place during the last autumn. These events symbolically closed a very fruitful year and set the basis for the next activities of the chair.

12-14 November 2019 - Nairobi Summit on ICDP25 Accelerating the Promise

Alessandra De Rose and **Patrizia Farina** took part in the Italian delegation to the Summit. 9,500 participants from more than 170 countries were present. The Summit started with the release of new research showing how to achieve zero maternal deaths, zero unmet need for family planning, and zero gender-based violence and harmful practices, within the next decade. "Looking towards 2030, we now enter a decade of delivery during which we will walk the talk and hold all of us to account for the commitments we made in Nairobi" affirmed Ambassador Ib Petersen, Denmark's Special Envoy for ICPD25 (<https://www.nairobisummiticpd.org/news>).

12-27 November 2019 - 40th Session of the UNESCO General Conference

Raimondo Cagiano De Azevedo participated to the *Ministerial meeting on inclusion and mobility in higher education*, in Paris. Over 100 ministers and 100 university representatives part of the UNESCO Chairs programme were present. They analysed how governments and higher education institutions can work in order to create an inclusive global campus that can handle rapidly growing enrolment in higher education and increasing student mobility. They started to work on the adoption of a *Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education*. This aims to facilitate student mobility and improve access to higher education across regions and continents (<https://en.unesco.org/news>).

27 November 2019 - Meeting of the UIC (UNESCO Italian Chairs) Group 1

The faculty of Economics of Sapienza University of Rome hosted the meeting. This has represented the occasion to reinforce the network and to outline the guidelines for future activities. The discussion started from the principal conclusions of the *UNESCO General Conference on Education* and continued by suggesting and approving new strategies of communication and collaboration between the Italian Chairs. The editorial group and projects coordination group were established.

2-4 December 2019 - Conference UNESCO Chairs for a sustainable future

Elena Ambrosetti participated to the 1st International UNESCO Chair Conference *Linking education, Transdisciplinarity and International Partnership*, in Wuppertal, Germany. It was organized by the UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurship and Intercultural Management of the University of Wuppertal, in cooperation with the German Commission for UNESCO and supported by the German Federal Foreign Office. At the end of the conference, a closing statement was adopted. A summarize of this can be found in the following page.

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Editorial

Wuppertal Declaration - Sustainable Development through International and Transdisciplinary Cooperation in Science and Education **Closing statement of the Conference UNESCO Chairs for a sustainable future**

Today, there are more than 750 UNESCO chairs worldwide. They offer excellence in research and education through different approaches. The expertise of UNESCO chairs is critical in confronting global challenges such as the climate emergency, migration and inequality, and in providing contributions for the implementation of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Therefore, in the new UNESCO framework Towards Achieving the SDGs (ESD for 2030), education is emphasized as a key for unlocking all 17 SDGs. This framework will lead to a closer link between research, education and transfer.

The German UNESCO chairs and their international partners, present in the 2019 Wuppertal Conference, commit to fulfill their responsibility for the 2030 Agenda. In particular, they commit to add quality to international academic cooperation, to transdisciplinary education and science. They commit to their role in policies for internationalizing education and to the need for increased collaboration between the UNESCO chairs. They commit to mobilize additional resources to complement their local responsibilities with a relevant international impact.

UNESCO chairs and the opportunities they provide for the 2030 Agenda should be recognized by national ministries, international organizations and funding agencies. Greater government support would ensure stronger results.

Therefore, the UNESCO chairs in Germany and their international partners issue the following declaration:

- They aim to open their scientific work to the wider public, make their results openly available and engage more deeply with stakeholders. They aim to offer participatory ways of creating science-based knowledge.
- They strive to be reliable partners on equal terms for other academic institutions and stakeholders beyond academia. Initiating new cooperation frameworks is a core element in fostering sustainable development.
- They aim to extend their position as role models in living the UN' spirit of peace and inclusivity. Therefore, they will expand their commitment for further partnership between the Global South and Global North by exchanging knowledge, solutions and best practices.
- They aim to extend their active role in the realization of the 2030 Agenda and its sustainability goals, in becoming flagship hubs for sharing best practices.
- They aim at including youth more fully, in particular in education for sustainable development, and at adapting innovative teaching formats and positive narratives. They aim at strengthening the visibility of these approaches, including through social media.
- They call for reforming academic reward systems that acknowledge the requirements of interdisciplinary work and its value in contribution to the sustainable development goals.
- They aim at addressing a broader audience, engaging more actively in policy discourses to foster policy development, in particular as regards sustainability and ESD.
- They call upon their governments, including the German government, to draw upon UNESCO chairs as think tanks and to promote their work through strategic as well as financial resources.
- They call for a further strengthening of the commitment of their governments, including the German government, to using multilateral approaches in their foreign policies for a rules-based multilateral global order.

(<https://www.unesco.de/sites/default/files/2019-12/Wuppertaler%20Erkla%CC%88rung.pdf>)



Activities

Conferences and meetings

9-11 September 2019 - 2019 BSPS (British Society for Population Studies) Conference. **Maria Herica La Valle, Amos Channon and Heini Väisänen** present the paper: *Health that shapes health: The menopause and changes in health behaviours*. **Maria Herica La Valle, Elena Ambrosetti, Giorgia Capacci and Eralba Cela** present the paper: *Going regional: Ageing and Active Ageing in "Italy one and a thousand"*, Cardiff.

16-18 September 2019 - XL Conferenza scientifica annuale AISRE (Associazione Italiana di Scienze Regionali). **Elena Ambrosetti, Francesca Licari, Sara Miccoli and Cecilia Reynaud** present the paper *La crescita che non c'è: spopolamento e invecchiamento nelle aree terremotate*, L'Aquila.

11-12 November 2019 - Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2019 Demographic Aspects of Human Wellbeing. **Marina Zannella and Alessandra De Rose** present the paper: *Parental satisfaction with childcare time in Italy*. **Elena Ambrosetti, Giulia Bettin, Eralba Cela and Angela Papparusso** present the poster: *Satisfaction, wellbeing and educational attainment: how do children of immigrants perform compared to natives?*, Vienna.

12-27 November 2019 - 40th Session of the UNESCO General Conference. **Raimondo Cagiano De Azevedo** participate to the *Ministerial meeting on inclusion and mobility in higher education*, Paris.

27 November 2019 - **Raimondo Cagiano De Azevedo, Alessandra De Rose, Elena Ambrosetti, Donatella Strangio, Marina Zannella and Sara Miccoli** participate in the Meeting of the UIC (UNESCO Italian Chairs) Group 1, Roma.

2-4 December 2019 - **Elena Ambrosetti** participate to the 1st International UNESCO Chair Conference Linking Education, Transdisciplinarity and International Partnership, Wuppertal.

12-14 December 2019 - VI Convegno AIQUAV (Associazione Nazionale Italiana per gli Studi sulla Qualità della Vita). **Maria Herica La Valle, Elisa Cisotto, Doris Kofler and Giulia Cavrini** present the paper: *La qualità della vita dei nonni in Alto Adige*, Firenze.

Teaching

Demography - Academic course held by Alessandra De Rose and Cristina Giudici, Sapienza University of Rome.

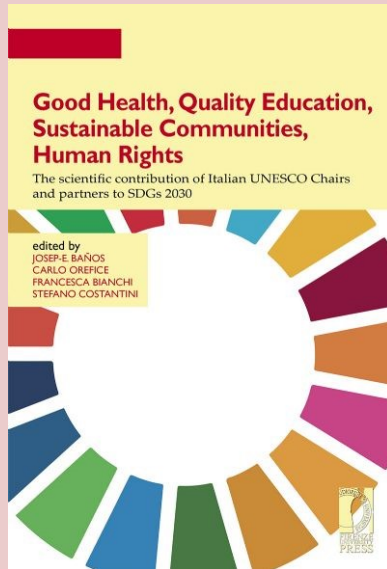
Research activities

Progetto PONTI - In 2019, **Elena Ambrosetti, Enza Roberta Petrillo and Teresa del Vecchio** completed the analysis activities assigned to Sapienza University of Rome within the Progetto PONTI: *Inclusione sociale ed economica, giovani e donne, innovazione e diaspora*. The project was co-financed by the Ministry of the Interior. It aimed to contribute to counteracting the deep causes of migration in Senegal and Ethiopia, through the promotion of employment of women and young generations and the valorisation of the role of diasporas in promoting development in the countries of origin. The Sapienza team worked in synergy with a rich partnership of 20 Italian and international NGOs, associations of diasporas, basic organizations and local institutions, cooperatives and EIGs promoting the experience of complementary actors in international cooperation to strengthen the resilience of communities at high risk of migration, and creating, through the involvement of diasporas and the transfer of skills and professional and financial skills, new job opportunities and investment in productive and economic sectors sustainable and with high added value.

Information



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The publication is edited by **Josep-Eladi Baños, Carlo Orefice, Francesca Bianchi, Stefano Costantini**. It collects the contributions presented during the International Symposium of the Italian UNESCO Chairs (CONIUS) *Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals 2030*, which took place on 16 November 2018 at the University of Florence. The contributions address the Global Aims for Sustainable Development of the UNESCO, using transdisciplinary and transnational perspectives and implementing through theoretical studies and good practices.

Annuario Italiano dei Diritti Umani

It is a periodical publication edited by the Human Rights Centre of the University of Padua. The Italian edition is published with Padova University Press; the English edition is published by Peter Lang International Academic Publishers. It is realized with the contribution of the Veneto Region in the framework of the activities of the Archivio Pace Diritti Umani. The Yearbook aims to assess how the international human rights monitoring system evaluates Italy's action, in order to encourage a transparent debate on this aspect of public life.



News

The Coordination Secretariat of UIC (UNESCO Italian Chairs) Group 1 was activated at the location of the UNESCO Chair *Human Development and Culture of Peace*, via Cesare Battisti 4, **Firenze**.

The Commissione Nazionale Italiana UNESCO changed its location from Palazzo Firenze to Palazzo Altemps, location of the Museo Nazionale Romano, Largo Sant'Apollinare 46, **Roma**.

UNESCO Chair wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

