

"A Vision of One Humanity and One Planet as the Theoretical Framework for Worldwide Social Justice"

A conference to be held at the University of Sassari—and simultaneously via Zoom
Sassari, Italy
June 19-23, 2023

We are seeking papers to be presented at an international conference titled "A Vision of One Humanity and One Planet as the Theoretical Framework for Worldwide Social Justice" to be held in Italy at the University of Sassari and, simultaneously, via Zoom from June 21 to June 23, 2023.

The deadline for submitting paper proposals is September 30, 2022.

The conference addresses our vision of one interconnected humanity sharing the same planet, and the global social justice issues resulting from the systemic destruction and oppression of its people and their habitat. The guiding question for the conference is: "Can we envision a common front for people's struggles against racism, misogyny, homophobia, ethnocentrism and anti-immigrant attitudes, religious intolerance, consumerism, capitalism, and the destruction of the environment?" At the conference, we expect scholars from different disciplines encompassing social and political sciences, philosophy, the arts and humanities, and the physical and biological sciences to address the guiding question, engage in interdisciplinary conversation, and work toward a theoretical foundation for a common front—a front that would unify different political movements that are often organized around different issues and perceived as single-issue movements. In the US, for example, we can identify several vital but separate political fronts such as the "Black Lives Matter" movement, the environmental movement, the women's rights movement, the LGBTQ rights movement, and the gun control movement. Can the idea of a single humanity—transcending race, gender, ethnicity, nationality, or religion, and sharing the same living planet—provide a common ground for these political movements?

"Paper proposals should include a 450-word abstract and a one-page biographical sketch. Unless instructed otherwise by the person contacting you, please email your abstract and biographical sketch as Word attachments to:

- **Luigi Manca**, professor of visual, performing, and media arts at Benedictine University, and chair of the steering committee of the One Humanity–One Planet Research Interests Group, (lmanca@ben.edu);
- or **Maria Lucia Piga**, associate professor of sociology at the University of Sassari (Italy) and chair of the conference organizing committee, mlpiga@uniss.it

Once your proposal is accepted, we expect you to make a live 30-minute presentation in June 2023 either at the University of Sassari conference site or via Zoom."

Previously, our association has organized two research-planning conferences. The first one was titled "One Planet–One Humanity: Communications For and Against," and was held at Benedictine University, May 29-31, 2014. The second was titled "Perspectives on Environment, Social Justice, and the Media in the Age of Anthropocene," and was held in Italy at the University of Sassari, June 15-17, 2017. Eventually, two books were published as a result of the conferences:

- Luigi Manca and Jean-Marie Kauth (Eds.), *Interdisciplinary Essays on Environment and Culture: One Planet, One Humanity, and the Media* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016).
- Elizabeth Dobbins, Maria Lucia Piga, and Luigi Manca (Eds.), *Perspectives on Environment, Social Justice, and the Media* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2020).

Our goal is to publish our next book based on the research that will evolve from the 2023 conference. All articles in the book will be peer reviewed.