



New ways towards integral ecology: five years after Laudato Si'

**Castel Gandolfo, Italy,
23-25 October 2020**

The environmental crisis represents one of the most urgent and critical problems of our times. In 2015, Pope Francis launched his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* emphasizing the need “to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home ... before it is too late”. At five years since its publication, we would like to look at the impact of this document on the contemporary world and the new ways explored towards an Integral Ecology. These new ways explore a relational view of ourselves and of the natural world, of which we are an intrinsic part, and how we relate with nature from the ethical, scientific, societal and even theological points of view.

The meeting aims at showcasing the role that individuals and social bodies can play in the care of our common home. We are convinced that the environmental crisis can represent an opportunity for a renewed encounter between cultures and religions.

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, and religions role facing the environmental crisis)

Important Dates:

Abstract submission: September 20th, 2020

Notification of acceptance: October 4th, 2020

Registration: October 11th, 2020

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Program

DAYS	October 23 rd , 2020	October 24 th , 2020	October 25 th , 2020
MORNING (9:00 – 13:00)	ARRIVAL	Session Will science and technology save the world?	Session New ways towards integral ecology
AFTERNOON (15:00 – 19:00)	Session The impact of Laudato Si’ on the contemporary world	Session Ecology and societal challenges	DEPARTURE

Abstract preparation, submission, and acceptance

The conference accepts abstracts written in English or Italian, 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.

Abstracts should be in Word format and sent to meeting@ecoone.org, specifying whether you prefer an oral or poster presentation, or if you have no preference. Please note the number of oral presentations is limited. The notification of acceptance will be on October 4th, 2020.

“Piero Pasolini” Award

The three best presentations by a young participant (less than 35 years old) will be awarded the “Piero Pasolini” prize (250 €) by the Scientific Committee.

Registration

The registration fee is 30 € and will be paid on site. Please e-mail your name and surname, postal address, email address, job and affiliation to meeting@ecoone.org by October 11th, 2020.

Languages

The meeting will be held in English and Italian. English-Italian and Italian-English simultaneous translations will be provided. Other translations could be provided upon request.

Venue

Centro Mariapoli, Via S. Giovanni Battista De La Salle, 00073 Castel Gandolfo RM, Italy

About us

EcoOne is an ecological initiative built around an informal network of academics, professionals and grassroots supporters that strive to bring into environmental sciences a humanistic dimension. We are part of New Humanity, an NGO active in more than 100 countries around the world aiming at promoting a universal spirit of fraternity as a dynamic factor in social cohesion. New Humanity enjoys a Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC, it is recognized as an NGO Partner of UNESCO with Consultative Status and is part of the Focolare Movement which brings together over 2 million people of different religions and beliefs from 182 countries.