Post Normal Science: Exploring Collective Accountability

Wednesday, 6th March 2019
Conference Room, Palazzo di Economia via Inama 5, Trento

The aim of this joint MULTI-ACT/CSEAR Seminar is to engage with post normal science (PNS) approach and discuss about its potential application to different fields of research by bringing together people with different backgrounds (accounting, sustainability, brain diseases).

Science needs to consider social needs and concerns through a participatory and democratic process. Furthermore, engaging in responsible research and innovation is an increasingly recognized need of science. Attending to this call, PNS is particularly appropriate as a guiding approach to bring together different (and sometimes competing) perspectives from multiple stakeholders, such as those engaged in the MULTI-ACT project.

The PNS approach is based on three core elements: (i) the scientific management of uncertainty and of quality, (ii) the plurality of perspectives and commitment, and (iii) the intellectual and social structures reflecting problem-solving activities (Funtowicz and Ravetz, 1994) that will be discussed during the seminar.

9.30-10.00 Registration for the seminar
10.00-10.30 Welcome and introduction to the seminar
10.30-12.30 Silvio Funtowicz' master class on post-normal science
12.30-14.00 Lunch
14.00-15.30 Roundtable discussion with:
   - Silvio Funtowicz, Professor at the Centre for the Study of the Sciences and the Humanities, University of Bergen, Norway
   - Jan Bebbington, Professor of Accounting and Sustainable Development at the University of Birmingham, UK
   - Den Patten, Professor of Accounting at Illinois State University, US
   - Annibale Biggeri, Professor of health statistics at the University of Florence, Italy
   - Paola Zaratin, coordinator of EU Horizon2020 MULTI-ACT, that aims to meet the challenge to apply PNS in developing a collective accountability approach for health research

15.30-16.00 Concluding section

REGISTRATION
Participation (also as webinar) is free but registration is mandatory at https://webapps.unitn.it/form/en/Web/Application/convegni/Multi-Act_PNS
Registration deadline: 25 February 2019

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