



Inseparable relationships

The international seminars of the Gea School

“Inseparable relationship” is the title of the **first cycle of international training seminars** of the Gea School. They will be held by speakers from leading intellectuals and activists who have been committed for years to promoting environmental and ecological justice. The seminars will take place online in Italian and Spanish and **there will be no simultaneous translation**. They will be **free and aimed at activists involved in the territories** for social, environmental and ecological justice.

The seminars will be **introductory and preparatory for the training course** to be held in person in 2023.

Gea **values the passion and commitment** of activists and not the economic possibilities. To participate it is therefore necessary to **fill in a registration form**. The Gea team, together with the teachers, will select the applications received on the basis of the **motivations and willingness to continue their commitment** in the territories. It will be possible to send the application form by Sunday 4th September.

The Gea International Seminars will take place on **20 September, 26 September and 3 October**. They will be divided into three parts. In the first, the Italian teachers will introduce preparatory concepts for a better understanding of the reports that will be held in the second part of the seminars by the members of the School's international scientific committee. In the third and last part there will be a direct confrontation between activists and speakers.

Tuesday 20 September
from 17:00 to 19:30 with
FREI BETTO

Introductory talk by
Giuseppe De Marzo

TO BE HUMAN IS TO STRUGGLE FOR THE FULLNESS OF LIFE.
FROM THE URGENCY OF ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE TO BUEN VIVIR.

With Frei Betto we will talk about the need and urgency to introduce a new ethics to respond to the crisis of civilization caused by the social and environmental unsustainability of the capitalist model. We will address the need to enhance other forms of knowledge, respecting the diversity of worldviews, contrasting cooperation with competitiveness. We will introduce the main concepts related to "buen vivir", or as Frei Betto says, to "vivir en plenitud", to a full life. Finally, we will talk about the role to which movements for environmental and ecological justice are called in this new historical phase and what it means today to commit to justice and democracy.

The first part of the seminar will be curated by Giuseppe De Marzo, director of the Gea School. We will define the concept of "sustainability", starting from the objectives of the UN Agenda 2030, from the Italian Constitution, from the overview offered by documents of national and international institutions. We will explain the relationship between environmental destruction, pollution, biodiversity reduction, climate collapse and increased social inequalities, poverty and pandemics. We will define environmental justice and ecological justice. Finally, we will introduce the reflection on the need to recognize the Rights of Nature to guarantee Human Rights.

**Monday 26th September
from 17:00 to 19:30 with
BOAVENTURA DE
SOUSA SANTOS**

Introductory talk by
Marco Armiero

**THERE IS NO GLOBAL SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHOUT GLOBAL
COGNITIVE JUSTICE. FROM THE ECONOMY OF WASTE TO THE
ADVENT OF SOUTHERN EPISTEMOLOGIES.**

With Boaventura De Sousa Santos we will talk about the advent of the epistemologies of the South and the end of the cognitive empire. In a historical moment characterized by the difficulty of constructing alternatives, the sociology of absences and the ecology of knowledge generate and feed a radical demand for the democratization of knowledge, putting the cause of the oppressed and the need for new knowledge at the center. We will deepen Cognitive Democracy as a necessary condition for achieving social, environmental and ecological justice.

The first part of the seminar will be curated by Marco Armiero with whom we will talk about the era of waste. We will face a different reading of the socio-ecological crisis by talking about wasteocene (from the English "waste era"), that is, an era marked by the continuous production of people, communities and places of waste. A global landfill that we must dismantle. If nature weighs every living entity, then we have the possibility, the duty and the right to build an economic model that does not produce waste or waste.

**Monday 3 October
from 17:00 to 19:30 with
BLANCA MARIA
CHANCOSO**

Introductory talk by
Grazia Francescato

**FROM THE ECOLOGISM OF THE POOR TO INTEGRAL ECOLOGY.
FROM INDIGENOUS MOVEMENTS TO THE FIGHT FOR THE
RIGHTS OF MOTHER EARTH.**

With Blanca Maria Chancoso we will talk about the importance of women's struggle in defending life and territories. We will analyze the contribution of women's struggles, and especially of indigenous women, to the construction of a new paradigm of civilization based on the ethics of the Earth. We will highlight the unreformability of a development model based on extractivism. We will talk about the Sumak Kawsay, about the politics of living in harmony and in relationship, and about the cosmivision that guides the Andean peoples in building an elsewhere through their living.

The first part of the seminar will be curated by Grazia Francescato who will retrace the history of environmentalism and the birth of the ecologism of the poor. We will highlight the urgent need for a systemic and deeper approach to the so-called environmental question. We will highlight the "green" roots of the encyclicals Laudato Be and Fratelli Tutti, which tell of the need for a qualitative leap in awareness and collective conscience.