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SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Plural socio–ecological trajectories: dialogues on ecosystem services for nature and people

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Abstract:

We invite contributions that advance transdisciplinary understandings of socio–ecological trajectories and ecosystem services/NCP across different geographies. We welcome empirical studies (plural valuation, co–production, multi–criteria modeling), and reflexive analyses that confront justice, rights, and territorial autonomies. Submissions should specify what travels and what does not across contexts, and articulate implications for inclusive, multi–level governance and Global North/South relations. We especially encourage collaborations with community–based and policy/practice partners. Selected contributions will inform a synthesis brief and a joint publication agenda.

Foregrounding cross–regional perspectives and diálogos de saberes (dialogues across ways of knowing), the session is expected to integrate empirical cases from different geographies and with a theoretical bridge on socio–ecological flows. Together, we hope these contributions mobilise plural valuation (intrinsic, relational, instrumental), co–production of knowledge, and modeling to navigate trade–offs, uncertainties, and cross–scale feedbacks while resisting emergent forms of “green extractivism.

The session aims to: (1) critically assess the promises and limits of ES/NCP frameworks through relational, justice–oriented approaches; (2) articulate ethically grounded, policy–relevant transdisciplinary methods (co–production, plural valuation, multi–criteria modeling); (3) derive transferable principles for inclusive, multi–level governance attentive to rights, territorial autonomies in Europe and other geographies; and (4) co–design an EU–LATAM and other geographies collaboration agenda for comparative research, shared datasets, and joint publications.

Goals and objectives of the session:

- Build a shared conceptual frame to compare governance, valuation, and modelling approaches across different geographies.
- Articulate transdisciplinary methods (co–production, plural valuation, multi–criteria, and others) that are ethically grounded and policy–relevant and
- Identify robust ways to integrate local/Indigenous/ethnic, practitioner, and scientific knowledges for inclusive, multi–level action and territorial autonomies.
- Co–design an EU–LATAM collaboration agenda (comparative cases, shared datasets, joint papers, and proposal seeds).

Planned output / Deliverables:

Expected outcomes include a one-page synthesis of principles and open questions; a draft outline for a joint article or special issue on socio-ecological trajectories and ES governance; and a contact network to coordinate comparative work across regions.

Session format:

Oral presentations with solution room discussion. 3 hours for oral presentations and questions. 1 hour for the solution room.

Voluntary contributions accepted:

Yes, I allow any abstract to be submitted to my session for review

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