



INSIGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS INEQUALITIES AND RELATED “ISSUES”: THE CHALLENGE TO WELL-BEING SUSTAINABILITY

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Today’s global society is facing an increase in economic, social, cultural and environmental inequalities that undermine at the roots, even before than its sustainability, the trust in the present development model. In this sense, the well-being sustainability of territorial systems and of global society, as a whole, depends on how these systems are capable to fulfil the three basic economic functions: in the first instance, the allocation and accumulation of Stock capital, then followed by the distribution of wealth. The current management/governance of these functions of the economic system, by the institutions and global policy, are bringing the level of “Inequalities” (economic, social, cultural and environmental) to “points of no return”. So are born new Think Tank, whose goal is to support projects through innovative curricula, the work of new economists and researchers, capable of offering adequate solutions to this emergency. Central theme is certainly the study of economic inequalities of income and wealth in the global society. At the forefront, in this regard, we find George Soros, Thomas Piketty, and the Nobel prize in economics Joseph Stiglitz. However, compared to an Integrated Approach to Well-Being, it becomes essential to point out, with at least equal force, that the current institutional and political governance of the three basic functions of Economic Systems, does not take into account some crucial aspects. This is because the institutions and policies of global, worldwide, oriented beyond measure to a trade approach to well-being too weakly contrasted globally from serious political Anti Dumping, have resulted in the exacerbation of inequalities not only economic but also environmental, social and generational. Inequalities that, ultimately, are the origin of what we consider to be real issues, more precisely, the “Environmental Issue”, the “Social Issue”, the “Generational Issue” and the “Economic Issue”. These issues, in fact, being concrete evidence, or rather, the result of an imbalance in the allocation, accumulation and distribution of the stock of capital (human, social, economic and natural), calls for new strategies and new paradigms implementation. In this sense, the intricate set of inequalities and issues is, in our view, the real problem to solve and investigate if you really want to talk about sustainability of well-being. In this context, it is clear that overcoming the inequalities is the only possible way to face the “Social Issue”, the “Environmental Issue”, the “Economic Issue” and “Generational Issue”. Based on these considerations, the Simone Cesaretti Foundation, increasingly projected to respond positively



to the new global demand of Well-being Sustainability, will open, in 2016, to new approaches, able to look at and interpret the above issues in the light of new ways of building and maintenance in the time and space of individual and collective wellbeing.