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The **2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE of the JOURNAL SCUOLA DEMOCRATICA "REINVENTING EDUCATION"** will be hosted online **June 3 through 5 2021**, by **Scuola Democratica, Centro Interuniversitario per la Ricerca Didattica** (University of Cagliari and University of Sassari), **il Mulino**. The challenges posed by the contemporary world have long required a rethinking of educational concepts, policies, and practices. The question about education 'for what' as well as 'how' and 'for whom' has become unavoidable and yet it largely remained elusive due to a tenacious attachment to the ideas and routines of the past which are now far off the radical transformations required of educational systems. Scenarios, reflections, and practices fostering the possibility of change towards the reinvention of the educational field as a driver of more general and global changes are centerstage topics at the Conference and will have a multidisciplinary approach from experts from different disciplinary communities, including sociology, pedagogy, psychology, economics, architecture, political science, etc. We hope with this opportunity to confirm the participation obtained at the first edition of the conference. Organizers, promoters and partners of the Conference wish to invite educators, teachers, researchers, scholars, academics, scientists, professionals, experts and policy makers to join the conversation and bring the disciplines towards a more integrated set of alliances by:

- promoting a trans and inter disciplinary discussion on urgent topics;
- fostering debates among experts and professionals;
- diffusing research findings all over international scientific networks and practitioners' mainstreams;
- launching further strategies and networking alliances on local, national and international scale;
- providing a new space for debate and evidence to educational policies.

We invite you to submit ABSTRACT/PAPER for your presentation at the **Panel session**:

C.4 FROM HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROFESSIONAL CONTEXTS: EXPERIENCES OF PERSONALIZATION

Convenors

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Transitions from Higher Education (HE) to work and professional contexts represent a critical challenge in contemporary economies. The mainstream narrative molded by a discourse of knowledge society depicts a scenario where job market needs would be incrementally directed towards highly qualified workforce, prepared to adapt. Nevertheless, critical voices raising from research and society have highlighted how this prediction is constantly disattended due to skill mismatch dynamics and over-skilling (Livingstone, 2012). The rate of over-skilling and wage penalty connected to a degree certificate is significant (Caroleo & Pastore, 2013); the situation is increasingly critical if we focus on EQF 7 and 8 (Master graduated and PhDs), who develop high levels of both specialistic and key competences, but do not find a job market valuing their unique profiles.

The solution to these problems seems oriented in avoiding the risk of developing "useless" knowledge and maintaining a constant updated supply of desirable professional profiles. A side effect of this narrow and linear perspective is the confinement of the educational system in a subcontracting relationship based on aligning "human resources" to (supposed) market needs. This means designing courses and guidance services to early channeling learning careers and profiles towards skills and competences that are envisioned as "good currency" by the job world. This brings standardization: as the mainstream neoliberal discourse is based on adaptation, there is a massive proliferation of established models and knowledge, that conforms and flattens the diversity, creativity, and potential innovation of more open and uncertain learning careers (Galimberti, 2020).

Is it possible to implement, in the university and services, a work-oriented perspective for adult learners that is not based on adaptation? A possible answer to this question would be personalization, a pedagogical approach based on a reciprocal circular adaptation of learner and context, based on reflexivity and the recognition of the learners' capacity for self-organisation and their competences no matter how acquired. Personalisation is a pillar of adult education and learning: we welcome contributions that illustrate its theoretical framework, impact, processes, and meaning.

We would like to receive papers that:

- Address theoretical issues related to education-to-work transitions (Field, Gallagher & Ingram, 2009);
- Present personalized practices in teaching at university, with a work-oriented perspective;

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- Analyse experiences of professional support managed by job placement services in universities or external organizations;
- Reflect on the role of reflexivity and adult learning in guidance models for Master and PhD graduated.

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