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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/PAPERS

The **2<sup>nd</sup> 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**:

## L.2 RETHINKING YOUTH AFTER PANDEMICS? REINTRODUCING AGENCY AND GENERATIONS

### Convenors

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Data at the international and national level clearly show the Covid 19 crisis's effect in further reducing young people's opportunities. A recent report of the International Labour Organization attests how the Covid 19 situation is destroying young people's jobs and employment possibilities, seriously affects their education and training while severely impacting their mental well-being.

Contemporary discourses on youth convey that young people face more demanding challenges than ever having to navigate more uncertain times than usual. However, youth appears often used as a rhetorical argument to sustain or oppose political decisions and positions, enhance fears or hopes within society, rather than concretely include young people in the public discursive space (and in society). In this situation, it is essential to recognise the agency and creative will of young people. Better attention to youth agency in the context of intergenerational relationships is critical in the field of education. Today, for example, the meaning of autonomy can shift. It may entail the agreement to suspend control, rather than the effort to be in control of one's life time. Resilience may also involve the capacity to seize the unexpected, the ability to make daily and future time meaningful without relying on usual plans.

Concerning youth agency as well important is a more strong dialogue between the sociology of education and youth studies. In this panel, we would like the discussion to develop around two points.

1. The covid-19 pandemic has strongly emphasised the intergenerational conflict in a relatively novel bio-political frame (the young people's against the old ones). However, the generational differences have always been at the core of the educational relationship. Teachers' ways to address educational issues and interact with the students are informed by understanding and representing young people as a generation.

2. In the studies on education, young people enter mainly as a 'product' of educational institutions and practices. Although a critical understanding of the structures and discourses that shape youth is essential, we must also consider how proactively young people respond to obstacles and opportunities, challenges and uncertainties they face.

In this direction, we welcome in this panel both theoretical discussions and empirical research (in the field of educational studies and youth studies) addressing the following issues:

- How to define youth agency (transformative power of agency, agency as resilience, agency as resistance, agency as capacity to aspire)

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- Temporal dimensions of youth agency (intertwining of past, present and future, domestication of uncertainties)
- New forms of youth agency (political participation and activism; entrepreneurship, creative and collaborative practices)
- Intergenerational dimensions of agency (intergenerational relationships and conflicts, intergenerational change, intergenerational approach).

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