

ECONOMY OF FRANCESCO: *LAUDATO SI'* WEEK, ON THURSDAY, LIVE STREAMING WITH KATE RAWORTH AND LUIGINO BRUNI

ROME, May 18th – The on-life seminars broadcasted on **The Economy of Francesco** social media have been a great success. *Moving towards a post-Covid better world* is an online initiative, organized by The Economy of Francesco scientific commitee, in order to explore a number of topics and challenges facing today's economy. On the occasion of the *Laudato Si'* week, the third live streaming focusing on *Designing a regenerative and distributive economy* is scheduled for **Thursday, May 21st, at 4:30 PM**, welcoming the participation of a distiguished guest, the British Researcher and Professor **Kate Raworth**, among the top ten most influential world economists, according to The Guardian magazine. The event will be live streamed on <u>YouTube "The Economy of Francesco"</u> channel.

This series of on-life seminars was launched on May 1st, with the Canadian Philosopher **Jennifer Nedelsky**, internationally known for her proposal "part-time work for all, care for all". On Labor Day, Professor Nedelsky engaged in a dialogue with young economists and entrepreneurs on topics ranging from work, care and relationships, to possible future scenarios.

More than **1000 people** followed the live broadcast from all over the world: Italy, Argentina, Ivory Coast, Korea, Portugal, Cameroon, Poland, Colombia, Nigeria, Brazil, Spain, Switzerland, India, Chile, Belgium, Ireland, South-Africa, Botswana and Cuba. Broad participation was also achieved during the second on-life seminar with **Father Vilson Groh**, a priest who lives and works alongside the poor in the Brazilian favela of Florianopolis, in the name of dialogue and inter-culture. Building on his personal experience, he addressed the issue of poverty around the world and contemporary global society, with particular emphasis on education, social justice and the integral ecology challenge.

The opening of meetings is entrusted to the scientific director of The Economy of Francesco, **Luigino Bruni**:

«Kate Raworth is among the keynote speakers of the international event to be held next November. As The Economy of Francesco movement, we have already started proposing innovative ideas for this new time we are all experiencing and Kate Raworth is certainly one of the economists better placed to suggest innovative ideas for a new time».

The third on-life seminar is with Kate Raworth, an economist from Oxford University and author of the essay *Doughnut Economics – Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st-Century Economist*. The title takes its name from the doughnut diagram developed by Raworth to discuss her theory, becoming the symbol of a new economic paradigm, sustainable both for human beings and the environment. To overcome the concept of endless growth, which fails to take into account inequalities and the quantity of available resources, this model acknowledges the existence of two boundaries, within which sustainable development is possible: an inner boundary concerning social dimensions and an outer boundary relating to environmental limits. The doughnut's economic model clarifies the interconnections between economic, social and environmental well-being and offers a long-term perspective for a circular economy capable of regenerating natural systems and redistributing resources.

Economy of Francesco on-life seminars. Moving towards a post-Covid better world is a webinar series organized by the scientific committee of The Economy of Francesco aiming at exploring some major topics and challenges of today's economy.

For further information and to follow events live streaming: www.francescoeconomy.org