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PRESENTAZIONE DI PROPOSTE DI SESSIONE	
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Titolo della sessione	Vegetal Geography: Human-Plant Interactions in Environmental Governance and Policy
Descrizione (max 2500 caratteri)	<p>The objective of the session is to gather original contributions on vegetal geography, which examines the relationship between humans and plants, with the aim of facilitating a transition towards a less anthropocentric world and collaborative governance arrangements that give voice to the 'more than human' in policy planning and implementation.</p> <p>This session welcomes proposals in Italian and English. In a globalised and anthropocentric world where the turbulence over the effects of climate change persists (Carstensen et al. 2023), there is a growing momentum regarding the interests, rights, agency and voice of nature in policymaking. Notwithstanding the growing adoption of an eco-social approach in transition policies (Graziano 2024), there is a paucity of studies that acknowledge plant communities and vegetal ecosystems as key stakeholders in environmental planning and governance (Svampa, 2022; Coletti 2024). In line with the call by Ogden et al. (2013) for an open,</p>

multi-species approach, this session will focus on vegetal entities and the human-plants relationship. This entails considering plants as more than mere 'living objects' (Exner and Schützenberger, 2018). However, the existence of humanity is contingent upon the functions, processes and outputs of human-vegetal interactions (Bennett et al., 2015), which occur in several spheres of policy interest (such as agroecology, health, energy and the food industry) as well as of cultural interest (aesthetic, spiritual, etc.).

It is therefore hoped that the voice of plants can be heard as significant actors in environmental planning and multi-level governance arrangements (Rietig, 2021). Thus, the aim of the session is to integrate a new perspective into existing socio-ecological approaches in planning and governance practices. It considers the interactions between humans and the plant world, and integrates the latter's perspective into decision-making, planning, and long-term management.

Example of topics that might be explored include:

More-than-human (co)-planning and territorial governance;

Innovative collaborative governance in turbulent times and climate crisis;

The agency of nature in ecological planning and eco-social policies;

Trends and challenges in vegetal geography;

Plant ethics and rights;

	<p>Emerging human-vegetal relationships, also in the field of agroecology, health and food production;</p> <p>One Health approaches with a focus on the vegetal entities</p>
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