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Sessione proposta

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Tipologia della sessione	Standard
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Titolo della sessione	Dynamics, Critical Issues, and Management Challenges of Forest Resources from a Local and Global Perspective
Descrizione	Forest resources offer services ranging from the provision of firewood and construction timber to psycho-physical well-being, alongside with a crucial contribution to mitigating the effects of climate change, both in terms of carbon sequestration and the cooling of urban areas. While deforestation linked to agribusiness has wiped out nearly half a billion hectares of forest globally since 1990, Italian and European mountain areas are undergoing the opposite process, experiencing a significant increase in wooded surfaces as a result of rural abandonment. Italy, in particular, is in the paradoxical position of exploiting only a minimal part of its own forest resources, while ranking among the European states with the greatest responsibility for global forest degradation. Beyond uncontrolled deforestation, forest areas today are degraded by the impacts of climate change, the presence of invasive species, and the recent decline of centuries-old management practices which—as in the case of Italian rural areas—has entailed profound shifts in ecological balances. Based on these premises, this session aims to gather multidisciplinary contributions that offer insights into the dynamics of forest resources, their potential, and the sustainability of their exploitation. Contributions may address geo-historical approaches highlighting the evolution of resource exploitation practices and subsequent land-use changes, as well as contemporary perspectives providing analytical frameworks for the current context through economic-geographic and political-geographic lenses, including case studies that highlight critical issues or virtuous practices at both local and global levels. Contributions will be accepted in both Italian and English.
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