

# WORLD CONGRESS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

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### Introduzione Leoncavallo – Molteplicità diversità, Possibili Mondi

70 Stati del mondo in guerra. 891 le milizie militari in conflitto;

Immaginare alternativa del Congresso, percorso verso un modello possibile restituendolo alle realtà che hanno una reale conoscenza del mondo ed appartenenti a tutte le figure eterogenee del mondo.

L'umanità appartiene alla natura e va difesa, perché è l'unica cosa che abbiamo insieme alla vita, basta al capitalismo ed imporre una strada alternativa

MATTEO SPINI – PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY

Greetings. Briefing introduction of the structure of the Assembly

### FIRST PART – Review of the Report

1) Strategy and practices of movements: convergence with social movements, we need a big plan to smash capitalism, international coordination. MAPA have central role inside of this. Online actions (hack). Different practices and intersectionality approach, keeping the plurality of everyone. Global communities and find alternatives on squatting areas and building autonomous zones. Local mass actions against rich and fossil capitalism.

Earth Summit is an opportunity to converge, deal with the Tipping Points.

2) Climate Refugees: Many layers on the discussion, climate refugees is a complex topic. National and International Campaigns. 4 November in UK against policies about the deport of refugees and criminalize them, join action which include climate justice movements. This protest could be replicated in the other countries, organizes similar actions in the country against Internal Ministry

3) War and Climate Crisis: To fight against war is to fight for climate justice: war becomes the justification for green transition policies that only save the accumulation of capital, regardless of its social consequences. We must get out of the logic of opposing fronts, which homogenise positions by imposing de facto silence. Starting from inhomogeneities is the only answer that can displace the dynamics of violence and the assertion of war. Rejection of war, rejection of the logic of war. Against the logic of war: for a climate and class struggle.

4) Ideology, Marxismo Ecology: discussion of the ideology. Green Anarchism, intersectional understanding of oppression. World without borders. Confederalism by Regionalism. Pragmatic Materialism; Instability of capital. Pushing neoliberalism capitalism to its end. Climate reparation; Climate Action Magazine; Travelling debates societies

5) Ecotransfemmins: All actions and observation voices are equality values. First question an ecotransfeminist: where are the trans people in a ecotransfeminist assembly? And nature in the form of agency and non-nature included. Don't believe in the report but go through the voices.

Where are the women of colour? How we can be more included when we act on intersectionality feminist. Riappropriarsi how to be more inclusive to fight against capitalism, more grassroots instead of agency. Need to find small place like this. Beyond patriarchy and white man being in the room and control the room. How to include the one without papers. It is not a new fight.

6) Income and the weak: Analisi della rivoluzione industriale degli ultimi 200 anni, ormai un secolo senza riduzione dell'orario di lavoro in relazione con il rapporto lavoro-natura. Non solo si sfruttano le risorse naturali ma anche umane che hanno portato all'emissione di milioni di tonnellate di gas climalteranti. Attraverso la riduzione della settimana lavorativa, si abbassano le emissioni. Battaglia contro il capitalismo che deve costruire un'alleanza tra movimento operaio e ecoattivisti, sindacato ecologista. DHL Bergamo si sono opposti al trasferimento di 70km, convocando la città e dimostrando che spostandosi a Brescia avrebbero contribuito ad un ulteriore inquinamento dell'area più inquinata d'Europa.

Condizione della riduzione della settimana lavorativa dimostra che si aumenta il benessere delle operaie e degli operai e le riflessioni sul reddito di base universale sono alla base della transizione ecologica e distruzione del capitalismo

7) Degrowth: Failure of green capitalism and so focusing on alternatives. System give us the same responses, discussion around of the scale of the need of transition and imagining post capitalism transition as the growth of global population. On the other hand, posing this questions in a problematic way is a way to reproduce the industrial phase so scale down the

reflection about degrowth. Distinction about equal technology and tech solution, the first one is the most democratic form. How to make this process more collective and equity? Example of GKN, convergences between workers movements and climate justice movements, fighting the same battle.

8) Finance and Climate Justice: Diving the debate in two parts: the situation of today and how to act to change. Financial market is an engine of speculation activities and needs capital gains in short money, try to use innovation as green bond but in the last 10 years the speculation of ecological transition has failed. Strictly alliance on fossil activities and speculation, especially in Global South as the case study of DCR, which doesn't allow to promote climate transition even if in that country it is possible. In Latin America is clear the action of extractive capitalism, Argentina could be a paradigmatic situation. Image financial counter power, one solution could be experimentation from community from below which can build a sort of alternative process, alternative carenze from below, finance alternative production. Debt cancellation of Global South.

9) Agroecology: European campaign against MBT, new OGM generation. Invite all the movements to share place on the right to the land and water between Global North and South. Boycott and alliance against ENI in Mesoamerica. Defend the alternative and ourselves in a high level of pressure. Food sovereignty movements in India 2025 there will be a summit, date to meet. Agroecology could stress the day of materials alternative, we need rage but also love and care.

10) The role of the youth in climate justice: common points that youth should be international coordinates. Mass organize students, politicize them. Youth coordinate for dismantling fossil fuel capitalism. November of End Fossil. Social conference meeting in 2024 between youth movements.

11) Precarious labour: Cost living increases, climate justice and work justice could be converge. Generating new demands and alliances related to worker struggles. Work and ecological struggles are the same, the divide of them is neoliberal mechanism. How and who pays for the green transition? Important to specify.

12) New Assembly: emergence out of the first assembly to discuss strategies and exchange experience from different countries. EU centric and focus, it is not representative of Global coordination. Water struggles and water grabbing (Italy weather, France and Germany around Watcher), building alliance on international coordination as the of Climaximo. Commonly facing that there is no answer and how to relate to the climate collapse. There is already space to structure alliance as Climate Justice Action Network, generally using

existing experience that have already knowledge on how to support and growth this type of practices.

## SECOND PART

### *Introduction*

Braga – How to go on and converge? Keep all this connection alive? Keep this self-organization alive.

Insight from the Committee, we did a lot of efforts, we are been brave but very weak, all of us have experience in self-organizing but never organize something like this. Rooted in local struggles but with international coordinations. Do we need it? If yes, how? Not in our shoulder but in the shoulder of all of us.

### *Intervention*

- **Kino Rete Ecosocialista:** Piattaforma internazionale, movimento internazionale per farlo partiamo dai territori, da un sistema che sfrutta il locale per un fine globale. Costruire le fondamenta per un futuro più giusto e sostenibile, importante la cura del territorio, luoghi della tradizione e in cui si manifestano le disuguaglianze e le ingiustizie e dove si lotta contro il cambio climatico e al degrado ambientale. Qui bisogna concentrare gli sforzi per un processo radicale tramite assemblee permanenti autogestite per riappropriarsi del potere da parte delle comunità per una visione alternativa fondate per la giustizia economica, sociale ed ecologica. Tutto il capitalismo è da abbattere, non esiste un capitalismo diverso dal capitalismo. Soluzioni autonome ai problemi. Collegare le lotte ai movimenti internazionali e globali, risposta complessiva dal locale al globale. Movimento dei movimenti in cui convergere ed insorgere, a partire dal locale costruiamo le reti dal locale al globale

- **Emy XR Bologna:** Don't think not sense building a global movements, so are not here to coordinate to find ways to have our practices and coordinate them. Platform to share knowledge, method, practices and use this space to organize something. Some day we will talk about narratives and strategies. Have dialogue and mediate about our movements and some points we have to renounce on some of our statements and starting revolution;

- **Federica Institute Radical Imagination:** Antispeciesist activities, bring the voice of non-human. Congress needs an antispeciesist assembly, it is clear about the damage of production and consumption of animal production, it is not a diet change but ecological and social political change. There is a petition universities planted base related on this topics, it is not related to individual changing.

- **Leo Transnational Social Strike Platform:** Bringing world movements it is important. Issue of organization is complex and is a fundamental problem with which we have to deal with. How to transnational organize? How to bring climate and work struggle together? How to give social power and how to build a social and class power?

- **Pedro Yasunidos:** August 20<sup>th</sup> Ecuador won the referendum to keep the oil underground, this place is 20% of total reserves at national level and prevent the emission of tons of greenhouse gases. The referendum is not make by government but from below, auto-organize. Radical democracy, direct democracy, we need to use what we have. State is corrupted and made by capitalism but there is some feature that we can use to make some change and build something bigger. Problem is political identity, the only change in the pluralism and horizontal movements, take out the capitalism of thinking, not to have the power but to do something. Referendum could be an alternative to middle change.

- **Tibi Gardiner:** Self production and boycott, these two things are important to smash capitalism. Should be prepare to the disaster and be able to cop to this disaster, capitalism for sure will not able. Self production meaning help and create different economy. Fight capitalism we should change our consumer habits. Launch international movements and actions to boycott our habits. Personal we have to change at international level

- **Meret Climate Strike Switzerland:** Climate strike part of alliance which is call Strike for Union and feminist strike is part of that. Write a manifest together and action day. 22-23 March Strike day to stand up a less work hour with social and ecological aspects. Join this strike as movements. It's important to support intersectionalism related to Strike for future, select our own topics and create a unique alliance.

- **Mariane Climaximo:** Level of responsibility for each of us. How we are gone to do international cooperation. There is no superhero, we are here we are fight for our life and we are responsible to try to stop climate crisis and take it seriously. We have to coordinate this at global level, if we don't have international movements we will never win and smash capitalism. This is the only way to stop climate crisis and win. We have to take serious so take responsibility and be part of the process international coordinations from now till the

Earth Summit, as a step to talk again each other and move on to support international committee.

- **Federico Ecologia Politica Network:** Prima Internazionale Climattivista ha bisogno di organizzazione ma anche mostrare al di fuori che questo network esiste. Attraverso le azioni e le manifestazioni, importante lanciare un'ondata di manifestazioni, ritornare al 15 Marzo 2019, ritornare a chiedere un futuro dignitoso. Vogliamo costruire una piattaforma della Prima Internazionale Climattivista e nei prossimi 6 mesi lanciare un mese di azioni con uno slogan comune e tornare nelle piazze e di scioperi sociali (convergenza col mondo del lavoro). Farci sentire, e far capire che esistiamo e si può fare solamente con azioni concrete, costruiamo la mobilitazione. Uniamo le lotte sociali ed ecologiche per un modello alternativo diverso dal capitalismo

- **François Debts for Climate:** Message for the big polluters, we are from Global South and members of movements. World Bank stop your ecocide project. African are victims of different extreme weather manifest in territory. Pay for the damage caused in the global south and suspend all the fossil fuel projects. Internationalism based on solidarity.

- **Ende Galende:** Several Attempts in the past to create global coordination (Social Forum), learn from this previous experience. To promote Committee needs investing of time and look structure that already exist as Radical Climate Justice.

- **Gianluca Offtopic:** esperienza di un mondo più eterogeneo e complicato, rispetto a quello con cui ci confrontiamo di solito. Noi portiamo il tema delle Olimpiadi e il tema del consenso attivabile al referendum, viene utilizzato tramite i grandi eventi da parte del capitalismo come strumenti di consenso per perpetuare il degrado ambientale, la marginalizzazione sociale. Importante quindi utilizzare un approccio critico e mostrare le controversie e le pratiche illogiche di questi eventi. Importante non solo le azioni ma anche movimenti di elaborazione, come progredire ma sicuramente questa cosa si può fare.

**Irene Global Youth Coalition:** International cooperation and disruption. Capitalism alienate production, as the case of Coca cola which steal water from the city of Verona but also this problem are connected with the communities from Perù. Targeting some multinational and concrete on their lines of production.

**Aida Rise Up Movements Africa:** coordination and the participate from the panel. In the global south we have very different struggles, become an alliance and stop finding

destruction in our countries and us our privilege and rights to protest to support us in our campaign.

**Scientist Rebellion (Nate and Mark):** explanation of the mission's movements. Campaigning related to Debt for Climate to demand the cancellation of debate of Global South. Community which try do to something together and when we have achieve a kind of vibration something go fast but for that we have to connect to each other.

**Matilde End Fossil:** We leave this conference without a plan. It is insane don't have a plan. We don't have time, we have six years to change and how is it possible? Is this our duty? We are not positive. End Fossil next will occupy school as youth.

BRAGA- Take seriously the aim and target as international efforts in one year (Ende Gelende) or using the next steps online and physical. We have dates as the Earth Summit but also calls. Let stay on this level of discussion. How to

- **Massimo De Marchi:** listening each other and discover what we are doing. Ecuador example to how to change and resistance. Coordination, Cooperation and transforming the capitalism. Support local and international movements as FFNPT, strong movements of agroecology. Avoid to fragment and lose time and energy. Coloniality of power is coloniality of decision and democracy, knowledge and so on. Very important to avoid the coloniality of power, consolidate what it is exist and it works.

- **Mina Resist Mexico** What is climate justice for each of us? Look to indigenous and local communities in global south and take care on relation we have in the middle. Take care on the little steps that we have made, act now but also take in account what the rest of us have done. Organize what is climate justice and why we are doing this

-**Martin (No Organization):** Some critics about the Congress. This Congress will be first and the second could be something to real discuss strategy and not improvise assembly.

BRAGA: Permanent platform from this Congress which search a place in which infrastructure and dedicate the next congress on tactics and including this inside the Earth Summit. After the end, we assume that all this discussion as consensus based. Overlapping of proposal are based to continue this pathway and trajectory

- **Alex Foti**: Permanent Committee, first job is to seek the next cities in which event will take place. We might assume a Climate Covenant. Fight the Fire transnational magazine, write there could be a joint efforts

- **Rose**: discutere strategie tattiche: boicottaggio, manifestazioni, occupazioni. Condividiamo anche le buone pratiche, in modo da diffonderle tra di noi, in modo da far esplodere il cambiamento nei nostri territori, ragioniamo sui nostri privilegi e sulle nostre oppressioni.

- **Key (XR)**: perso l'intervento

- **Camilla (XR)**: 6th February 2024, date to create a nexus and community, we need to feel that the others is not enemy. I don't blame myself of been euopean. 6<sup>th</sup> February could be a date of conference, strategy the approach on fourth level: 1) Civil Disobedient; 2) Pacific Demonstration; 3) Squatting; 4) Hacking. Colombia could be an international gathering of climate movements

- **Nico( Atamanta)**: 3 different plan and simplify vision: 1) Attention on Carbon Budget and Tipping Points, disruptive action; 2) Territorial Defense so smash extractive form and occupy them, sabotate; 3) Put emphasize of self-production inspired by agroecology, ecotransfemminist, indigenous ecc... Integrated this three level, not focusing only on one of this vision.

BRAGA: challenge – Can we do something effectively in common that have an impact?

- **Lorenzo (Research of Degrowth)**: we are not organize ourselves. We need to find space in a next congress, how to do it, how to communicate, how to find a common date; Not launch an empty container. Starting organize the grassroots and which have a real structure.

- **Giacomo (TerraViva)**: Come convergiamo? Punto di vista filosofico, ossia bisogna contenere tutte le istanze per produrre un'idea alternativa alla società contemporanea. Punto di vista pratico, condividere un punto e con le realtà che già si muovo e prenderanno vita nel futuro, sosteniamole ed utilizziamole per convergere. Oppure creare identità a livello nazionale per poi convergere a livello transnazionale



- **Forte Prenestino**: Represent different spaces which started anti gentrification struggle laboratory and this is an aspect of capitalism and colonialism. Exploitation make affairs on everthing in the Earth. How to be effective? 1) First line of fight is to meet each other, the movements are tired and meet each other make us stronger; 2) Planning a coordinate action international and respect everyone context and imagine artistic way to do that. Attack our enemy from different point of views, with different arrows.

- **Torquato ( Comunità Reti di Collegamento per le comunità energetiche)**: Rete di collegamento di supporto per le comunità energetiche per fonti rinnovabili. Creare all'interno della Radicale una rete che supporta questo tipo di processi.

- **Pietro (Università Sapienza )**: Start to build a global movement about campaign. Action point of views: Act in the same time in the same period, as the End Fossil Fuel. Congress in Rome on February

- **ADL Cobas (Camera del Non Lavoro)**: Concrete Plan, Organize a global strike during the Equinoxe of Spring (21th March). Organize globally and coordinate locally. We need to think larger, strike with unions, block the cities and organize labour unite with movements.

- **Caterina (WCCJ)**: First step this Congress for something we have to build all together and struggling for the same thing. A second event will be more prepare. It is not a new movements, not support something else, we are building an alliance because we need it. We are learning that movements need support from each other and help the struggle of Global South countries which are the core of climate justice. The North have to be at disposition with South. Capitalism and Green One needs materials and it is important understand where this materials have taken from. This Congress is a first step, on the site we can open a forum to continue this process and keep in touch (Telegram Channel).

BRAGA – Understand the feeling and put a dot on. Share the documentation of Congress and decide in one year to do the second Congress. A lot of proposition practical launch in the Assembly.

Climàximo - Not take in account any component. This is decide to be not to decide. Concrete proposal which are there, here are not present. I don't understand the synthesis, not talk in the conference only just hearing.

BRAGA – Set up the continuation of the Congress, another meeting in December in Colombia and this Committee could be part on this Earth Summit. Many punctual actions and purpose as tools to fight and struggle. Support this enlarge and create the Committee.

