



Fellow's Individual Project

Fellow	Host Institution	PhD enrolment	Start Date	Duration
ESR 11	PF/ISS	Y	Month 9	36 months

Project title and related WP(s): Women organisations in gendered economic landscapes in rural Italy (WP3, WP7).

Objectives: The study will look at women's organising, building networks and connectivities among diverse economic and ecological practices in Tuscia Region, Italy with a focus on community groups organising new forms of livelihoods and care activities in the watershed of the Bolsena lake. Using a FPE lens the ESR will explore the shifting discourses on 'how to live well' in an area of Italy marked by different community economies such as slow food practices, time banks, permaculture, but also an influx of migration, growing economic security, increased violence against women and high unemployment particularly among the young. The study will look at how women's organising for their economic livelihoods, and also for the preservation of their landscape, are producing new forms of resilience and sustainable development that can often be in friction with local government planners. The research will explore how actors are responding to the growing lack of resilience of economy, ecosystem and social system due to the agro-industries, fiscal and bureaucratic frameworks. It will investigate how women's groups are building new forms of income generating activities and ways of living that create more 'resilient' and 'sustainable' livelihoods.

Expected results: The research will identify resilient ecological practices building new community economies and cultures around the lake watershed and the role of different actors in the region and explore possible gaps between the local authorities and the vision of the women's organisations.

Planned secondments: WUR (3 months) to work on local governance issues and alternatives economies and PDV (3 months) to work on alternative agricultural practices.