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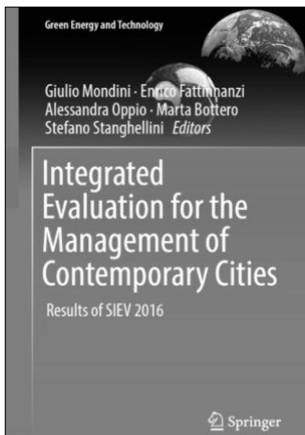
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The volume comprises a selection of the best papers presented at the SIEV Seminar “*The influence of the Papal Encyclical Laudato Si on the evaluation paths: the urban areas between conflict and solidarity, degradation and regeneration, exclusion and participation*”, held in Rome (Italy) in April 2016.

Starting from the Papal Encyclical “*Laudato Si*” (published the 18 of June 2015), the overall aim of the

volume is to encourage a reflection on the issues of urban regeneration, land protection and enhancement of the territories. In fact, the aforementioned Papal Encyclical offers the perfect opportunity to debate around social and environmental issues focussing on the urban suburbs, the degraded city centres, the environmental damage and the human ecology. Moreover, the Papal Encyclical solicits for a greater consciousness about the subjects characterizing the current developments of the evaluations discipline.

In particular, the volume questions about the role of the evaluation methodologies in the current ecologic crisis facing fundamental topics for the scientific community since, as state by Professor Enrico Fattinnanzi in the preface “the more decisions move from traditional individual interests to the common ones, the more the evaluation content moves from market assessment to collective/social evaluations”.

In order to properly analyse the city as a common good, the volume brings together different point of view provided by experts with heterogeneous backgrounds and professional positions, as: economists, evaluators, academics, architects,

planners, sociologists, energy companies, ONG, government and public administration representatives.

After the Preface, devoted to frame the ecologic problem stated by the Papal Encyclical, the first two introductory chapters highlight the key issues as the role of the integrated evaluation in urban distressed areas with a particular focus on the intergenerational equity. The volume is then organized into four parts reflecting the macro-themes suggested by the Papal Encyclical. The first part, called “*Human ecology: Values and paradigms*”, consists of 11 contributions. They face the urban ecologic problem from the ethic perspective investigating the social and economic responsibility of planners and designers in the social regeneration.

The second part is composed by 13 contributions under the sub-title “*Integral Ecology and natural resources management*”.

The aforementioned contributions highlight the need for integrated assessment techniques able to contain and measure the urban vulnerability.

The 12 contributions of the third part, “*Intergenerational equity*”, analyze the ecologic problem with a particular focus on the climate change adaptation of the cities and stressing the importance of the regeneration mechanisms supported by financial, social and multicriteria methodologies.

The fourth part, called “*How to enhance dialogue and transparences into Decision Making Processes*”, is composed by 11 contributions that highlight the need for participative processes able to involve the stakeholders in a perspective of social equity to participate to the city government.

Given the breadth and the complexity of the ecologic problem, the contributions selected and the operational structure chosen by the editors allow the volume to be organic and scientifically sound.