

Jean Monnet Chair's Connecting Session at the 13th Slovenian Social Science Conference

The event in the on-line ZOOM environment took place on November 11, 2021 in the framework of the 13th Slovenian Social Science Conference on *Digital Society and Sustainability*. The main emphases were on environmental sustainability, digitalisation, media and education.

The introductory presentation of the Chair and its activities were followed by the keynote speech by assoc. prof. dr. **Igor Perko** from University of Maribor, Slovenia who dealt with the issues of collecting and sharing data in the context of hybrid reality. The presentations on the **dimensions of environmental sustainability** have included a broad overview of different sustainable development strategies by **Andreas Metzner-Szigeth**, a global comparative perspective comparing European green practices to India by **C.C. Akshay**, and the understanding of sustainable development policies in terms of morphogenetic cycles by **Tea Golob** and **Matej Makarovič**.

This was followed by a roundtable presentations and debate on connecting environmental initiatives. **Chinasa Emelda Nnanyelugo**, **Uzoamaka Blessing Onyeke** and **Izuchukwu John Ewulu** presented a techno-social challenge through the narrative of Bob Marley's musical track "Natural Mystic" in the case for developmental sustainability. **Eduardo Erazo Acosta** debated the power of the ancestral philosophy of Alli Kawsay in the indigenous movements of Colombia - Ecuador while confronted with a mining project. The issue of industrial symbiosis in the case of FVG region in Italy was presented by **Erika Džajić Uršič** and **Igor Jelen**.

