

Social Farming as a practical and symbolic mediator. A rural perspective

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Conclusions (by Giorgio Osti)

I need a frame; I use a just in time perspective 'Institutional Logics' (ILsP)

ILsP needs (quite provisional list)

- organisational dimension: technic packages and division of work, more or less shareable and equal → organisational field
- set of rules, values and meanings → semantic field
- a legitimation process more or less in terms of material and symbolic follow-ups (subsidies, experts, authorities, public opinion, social magic circles recognition) → institutional field

Key words emerged, possibly related to different institutional logics

- Professionalization of operators (the place for volunteers, mentioned for Astra?)
- Networking both of SF operators and researchers (third actor the public authority, a sort of triple helix of SF?)
- Periurbanisation/rural urban continuum, the intermediate territories (SF as the ideal intermediate place? Very functional to the system in that sense unable to change politics?)
- Projectification, the project presented by Deirdre becomes a general framework.... A special EU logic able to pervade every social activity (an iron cage like bureaucratisation at the times of Weber?)
- Diversification and intersectoriality (eg agro-recreation) as a rural development logic (Gerald critical on that? Why? Because it is a corporatist policy?)
- Trajectories and regionalisation, as temporal spatial frames or a-priori categories, a powerful way to organise our knowledge ... without question mark! I like them