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THE TERRITORIAL DIMENSION IN A GLOCALISED WORLD

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The adage “the world is our village”, was the philosophy of the twentieth Century. Our territory was without borders, neither physically, nor in the mind. Mr. Covid however changed the concept. My territorial boundaries become my protection. We find it again normal that borders delimit people that have to be protected from the outside enemy. We learned our lesson from the ‘import’ of the virus from other parts of the world (China) and transmitted by and through people that travel for leisure or professional reasons. Globalisation is over, glocalisation becomes the new buzzword meaning we are not against the globalisation, we are not anti-globalists, but want priority for the local dimension. It’s is not an era of change, but a change or era.

Local production, local consumption become the new normal. Border controls on persons and goods are again legitimated. The old-fashioned concept of territory is back. Roots are again as important, or even more important, than wings. But how can we then best cope with our hyper-citizenship, as Andrea Pitasi calls it.

The panel aims to investigate this dilemma starting from the concept of territory. Amongst others, following topics might be discussed:

- reshoring
- glocalisation
- hypercitizenship
- rootless people
- the spread between roots and hypercitizenship
- loyal playing field - «resilience islands»
- border controls
- the local dimension of power and territorial development
- the future of integration processes
- systemic risk and danger management
- managing social peace in times of disruption
- systemic thinking & working as key to resource-efficiency and transition