

## AFRICAN (BIO)DIVERSITY - A POLYPHONIC TRIP INSIDE THE CRADLE OF HUMANITY

Ilaria MICHELI, UNIVERSITA' DI TRIESTE

Wednesday 27th April 2022, at 6:30pm Sala Conferenze, ex Ospedale Militare Via Fabio Severo 40, Trieste and on Zoom

Africa is the continent that gave birth to humanity. We are used to look at it as to an old, mysterious, monolithic entity. But is it really that simple? Did you ever think how many different peoples, languages and eco-systems we usually ignore, that are part and parcel of the immense beauty characterising the area stretching from Southern Saharan regions to the extreme borders of South Africa? The first part of this lecture will try to accompany the audience in an ideal trip, offering some suggestions for a better understanding of our common

Mother Africa and of the richness in terms of different cultures and values it implies. Some brief footnotes will be added referring to the effect of globalisation and climate change on African most fragile societies, proposing a way to help ameliorating their situation through a more careful planning of North-South cooperation, not limited to technical assistance, but rather focussed on a respectful attitude towards different human groups, their lifestyles, their languages and their beliefs.