

## Francesco Laruffa

### Short Bio

Francesco Laruffa is an associate Post-Doc at the International Center for Development and Decent Work (ICDD) and at the Global Partnership Network, University of Kassel, for the academic year 2022-2023. His research stay is financed through a “Postdoc.Mobility Fellowship” of the Swiss National Science Foundation. During this year, Francesco will work together with Dieter Plehwe on neoliberalism, “just transition” and the work-welfare connection in the social-ecological transformation. Francesco is also Guest Researcher at the Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy (SOCIUM) of the University of Bremen and Affiliate Scholar at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam, in the “Justice in Sustainability” Research Group.

Francesco holds a PhD from the University of Geneva and his doctoral dissertation on neoliberal social policy and its alternatives has been awarded the “Prix Universal” for the best PhD Thesis defended in the year 2020 at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the same University. Before joining the University of Geneva, Francesco was Research Fellow at the Humboldt University of Berlin. He has also been Visiting Scholar at the Centre for the Study of Social Justice of the University of Oxford and at the International Research Center for Social and Ethical Questions (IFZ) in Salzburg.

Taking an interdisciplinary perspective at the crossroad between political economy, sociology and political theory, Francesco’s research focuses on social justice; social policy and welfare reform (esp. in connection to work/labour and inequalities); the relationship between democracy and (neoliberal) capitalism; and the socio-ecological transformation.

### Selected Publications

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