Prof. Marco Ingrosso

**SCIENTIFIC CURRICULUM**

Marco Ingrosso is Full Professor of *General Sociology* at the University of Ferrara, where he also teaches *Sociology of Health*. He is Director of the "*Paracelsus Laboratory - Social Studies on Health, Care and Social Well-being*" of Ferrara University, which carries out researches and trainings on issues of sociology, promotion, education and communication of health, wellness, care. He directed the International Master in "Management of Education and Human Resources" (2006-2011). He was President of the Degree Course in Education (until 2010), Coordinator of the *Human Sciences Section* (2012-15) and is now Coordinatore of the Degree in *Filosofical and Educational Sciences* of the Humanities Department. He has taught in the past *Sociology of Education* (University of Ferrara and University of Lecce), *Social Policy* (University of Parma), *Theories and models of care* (Health Professions Degree, University of Ferrara). He has held several lectures and seminars in Italian and foreign universities. He is evaluator of ANVUR (*National Agency for the Evaluation of the University System and Research*).

The main scientific interests are in *health sociology and communication*, a field that he helped to start in Italy and where he has provided major scientific contributions. In this area has analyzed in detail the following topics: health and wellness in the media (magazines, television, internet), points of view on health (*health hexagon*), ways of thinking corporeality and the well-dis-ease; emerging social pathologies (addiction, stress, psychosomatic illnesses, etc.).

Several are the essays relating to the *promotion, education and health communication* - areas which helped introduce in Italy and Europe participating in important journals and working groups - also providing significant theoretical and methodological contributions to develop a vision and an integrated practice of *self-care* and *health capabilities of patients* and their families.

In the last decade has deepened the field of the *sociology of care*, from its historical and theoretical foundations to the new demands of the systemic-cooperative care organization in the contemporary scenario. In this field he has made ​​several empirical researches on various areas of the healthcare organization, such as *home care, primary care* (in particular the "Homes of Health" and the role of general practitioners), *the rehabilitative care*, *the caring professions* (especially the physiotherapist). He is now conducting research on the *professionalism of shiatsu practitioners* and the contribution the CAM can give to the continuum promotion-care.

With regard to *general sociology*, participated in the rising phase of the "complexity thought", in the footsteps of G. Bateson and E. Morin, then defining theoretical contributions in the direction of a *systemic and relational sociology* in the context of an increasingly interconnected and planetary society, though - at the same time - highly inequal, conflictual and unbalanced.

In the field of *social policies* has developed a new theory of *social well-being* and its risks in the planetary era, as well as its promotion in the local area. He also analised the role of the *third sector, self-help groups and patients associations.*

He has written essays and books on the *sociology of education*, specifically focusing on the relationship between families and child care services, the use of new technologies in schools and in education, lifelong learning in healthcare, management of training and human resources.

He has carried out studies and teaching in France, Belgium, Great Britain, Sweden, United States, Mexico and Brazil. He has collaborated with international organizations such as the WHO (Copenhagen) and the OECD (Paris). It has been a consultant of various public bodies (Regions, Municipalities, Health Authorities) and of third sector agencies (Foundations, Volunteer Centers, Professional Associations). He was a member of the Scientific Committee of the section "Sociology of Health and Medicine" of AIS (*Italian Association of Sociology*) between 2006 and 2008, as well as responsible for the "Health Communication" of the same. Adheres to the network SACS (*Health, Care, Society*) and is part of the Scientific Committees of the reviews: "Social Animation", "Health System" (formerly "Health Education and Promotion"), "The Society of Individuals". He is a founding member of the *Italian Association for Sistems Medicine and HealthCare* (Assimss).