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**Rethinking Value Chains in the Global Context –  
Decent Work, a Common Good**

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# RETHINKING VALUE CHAINS IN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT. DECENT WORK, A COMMON GOOD

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# INTRODUCTION

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- In between
  - Social doctrine
  - Social doctrines institutions
  - Jesuit tradition
  - ILO
- The starting point
  - Value chains

# INTRODUCTION

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- The questions
  - In which value settings are we, catholic organisations, addressing the challenges?
  - In which global context are these questions emerging?
  - Is this context inviting us to rethink, and reexpress our values differently?

# INTRODUCTION

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- The answers
  - On values: commonalities between social doctrine of the church and the ILO values.
  - On context: a more fragmented, differentiated and violent globalisation.
  - On values agains: social justice and peace an operational paradigm. Labour a common good.

# THE COMMON HERITAGE. VALUES IN THE SDC AND THE ILO

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- The social discourse of the Church
  - Questioning the Christian tradition
  - Interpreting modernity
    - The workplace
    - The economy, finances, development
    - Human rights.

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- Establishing bridges
  - Between areas and places for involvement in social justice.
  - With other faith traditions
  - In relations with the commitments of public institutions
- Ilo value based organisation
  - ILO Constitution, 1919
    - There shall not be lasting peace without social justice



# THE COMMON HERITAGE. VALUES IN RH SDC AND THE ILO

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- Philadelphia declaration, 1944
  - Labour is not a commodity
  - The measure of all international policy should be the economic and spiritual well being of individuals.
- Decent work agenda, 2008
  - Fundamental principles and rights at work
  - Social Protection for all
  - Social dialogue
  - Full and productive employment, sustainable enterprises
- Future of work, 2019

# THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALISATION

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- Problems
  - Not one but several dimensions in globalisation
    - Financial
    - Economic
    - Division of labour
    - Territorial
    - Technology
    - Military
    - Big data

# THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALISATION

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- Not one but several strategies in globalisation
  - USA
  - China
  - Global south
  - Russia
  - Europe
  - State, versus non state actors

# THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALISATION

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- Not one but several crisis
  - Environment
  - Violence and desagregation of societies
  - Demography and migration
  - Technology change

# RETHINKING OUR COMMON APPROACH AND VALUES.

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- Peace and social justice, a central paradigm
  - Rearticulating social justice and peace
    - An intuition
    - A conviction
    - Or an analysis of reality

# RETHINKING OUR COMMON APPROACH AND VALUES.

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- Commonalities between various types of violence and conflicts
  - Spoliation and predation of resources (natural)
  - Indirect spoliation via climate change
  - Nuclear tensions
  - Territorial fragmentation
  - Urban violence - ghettoisation
  - Fragmentation of the State
- Towards a global paradigm
  - Learning from climate change
  - Building a global paradigm

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- The centrality of labour as a key concept
  - Redefining labour, work, as a driver of change
    - Referring, to the social doctrine of the Church
    - Labour, as a care for society
    - Labour, as a care for creation.
    - Labour and human dignity
  - Moving from consumption, in the present to investment for the future

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- Decent work, A common good A common effort
  - A common need
    - For individuals, families
    - For communities
    - For territories
  - Social dialogue as the way forward
    - Exploring further other forms of governance.
  - Revisiting the tradition
    - 1919, solving specific issues through international cooperation





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- ILO to address some specific issues
- International cooperation to address imbalances that cannot be addressed in national context.
- The question of social justice and peace not fully addressed
- 1944, the individual as a measure for all policies
  - The reasons behind the change in focus
  - The human rights trend
  - The social rights, what to do to address them.
  - The capacity building, empowerment track.
- Toward a new approach

# CONCLUSION

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- A common good
  - Something to chose for
    - Fighting the trickle down effect
    - Fighting the “we dont care”, people would prefer not to work
  - Addressing the violence of the imbalances
    - Within the workplace
    - Outside the workplace.

# CONCLUSION

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- Reinvesting and questioning the meaning of work.
  - Dignity at the center.