Record Nr. UNINA9910473446803321 Autore **Huntjens Patrick Titolo** Towards a Natural Social Contract: Transformative Social-Ecological Innovation for a Sustainable, Healthy and Just Society / / by Patrick Huntiens Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2021 9783030671297 ISBN Edizione [1st ed. 2021.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (212 pages) : ill Disciplina 303.372 Soggetti Social justice Sustainability Social policy Environmental sciences - Social aspects Human ecology Social Justice Social Policy **Environmental Social Sciences Environmental Anthropology** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Part I – The guest for a natural social contract -- 1. Introduction -- 2. Nota di contenuto Sustainability transition: quest for a new social contract -- 3. Towards a natural social contract -- Part II - Theories and concepts -- 4. Conceptual background of Transformative Social-Ecological Innovation -- Part III - A Research and Innovation Agenda -- 5. Analytical instruments for studying TSEI -- 6. Transition to a sustainable and healthy agri-food system -- 7. Governance of urban sustainability transitions -- Bibliography. Sommario/riassunto This open access book is a 2022 Nautilus Gold Medal winner in the category "World Cultures' Transformational Growth & Development". It states that the societal fault lines of our times are deeply intertwined

and that they confront us with challenges affecting the security,

fairness and sustainability of our societies. The author, Prof. Dr. Patrick

Huntjens, argues that overcoming these existential challenges will require a fundamental shift from our current anthropocentric and economic growth-oriented approach to a more ecocentric and regenerative approach. He advocates for a Natural Social Contract that emphasizes long-term sustainability and the general welfare of both humankind and planet Earth. Achieving this crucial balance calls for an end to unlimited economic growth, overconsumption and overindividualisation for the benefit of ourselves, our planet, and future generations. To this end, sustainability, health, and justice in all socialecological systems will require systemic innovation and prioritizing a collective effort. The Transformative Social-Ecological Innovation (TSEI) framework presented in this book serves that cause. It helps to diagnose and advance innovation and spur change across sectors, disciplines, and at different levels of governance. Altogether, TSEI identifies intervention points and formulates jointly developed and shared solutions to inform policymakers, administrators, concerned citizens, and professionals dedicated towards a more sustainable, healthy and just society. A wide readership of students, researchers, practitioners and policy makers interested in social innovation, transition studies, development studies, social policy, social justice, climate change, environmental studies, political science and economics will find this cutting-edge book particularly useful.