

SOCIAL JUSTICE – ANCHOR OF ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

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Abstract: Paper examines an extra-economic and institutional factor which increasingly seems to condition and help the economic process to gain sufficient sustainability. It argues that, alongside the internal sustainability properties of the very economic system (like circularity, replication of inputs and so on) non-economic factors could be of importance to ensure that sustainability character of the economy. One of the most relevant such a factor is shown be social justice, understood as fair distribution and redistribution of the economic product (GDP) inside the society (not only among direct contributors to GDP obtaining). In this context, one of the pillars of social justice is discussed and put into connection with the economic sustainability, namely the principles of difference in handling the economic inequality which is, most probably, the crucial factor blocking the economic sustainability generally.

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