

## Objectives of the Winter School

Sustainability seems hard to define except as a vague aspiration pointing towards a utopian future in which social life and the external world live in harmony for all conceivable eternity.

In an everyday sense as well, the question of whether one set of practices is more sustainable than another is far from obvious. And, finally, what are our global prospects for achieving sustainable outcomes in the course of this century, in a manner that allows development within climate and biodiversity guardrails, while ensuring social and economic justice? By the way of addressing these questions, in this Winter School we hope to bring together analysts who have made broad conceptual as well as practical attempts to advance ideas on sustainability across different sectors. Thus, we aim to have sessions on de-growth, indicators and measures of sustainability. Exploring these different ways, we hope, will provide an opportunity for synthesis of ideas for new possibilities.

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