Reconstructing consensus and trust in a digital age: dialogue and the search for truth in the context of the pandemic

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- Global Issues – need shared approaches
- Plurality of 'world-views' – *logoi*
- Complexity of issues – inter-disciplinary
- Inclusivity (*LS, 14*) – transparency, belonging or alienation
- Range of dialogues – *LS,V* action/approach (international, national and local, politics and economics, religion and science)

Dialogue as an attitude

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- Seeing – the 'other', diversity
- One world/one destiny – common home
- One family/fratelli tutti – social by nature
- Dignity of all – no exclusion, rejection
- Wisdom – traditions (indigenous, contemplative)
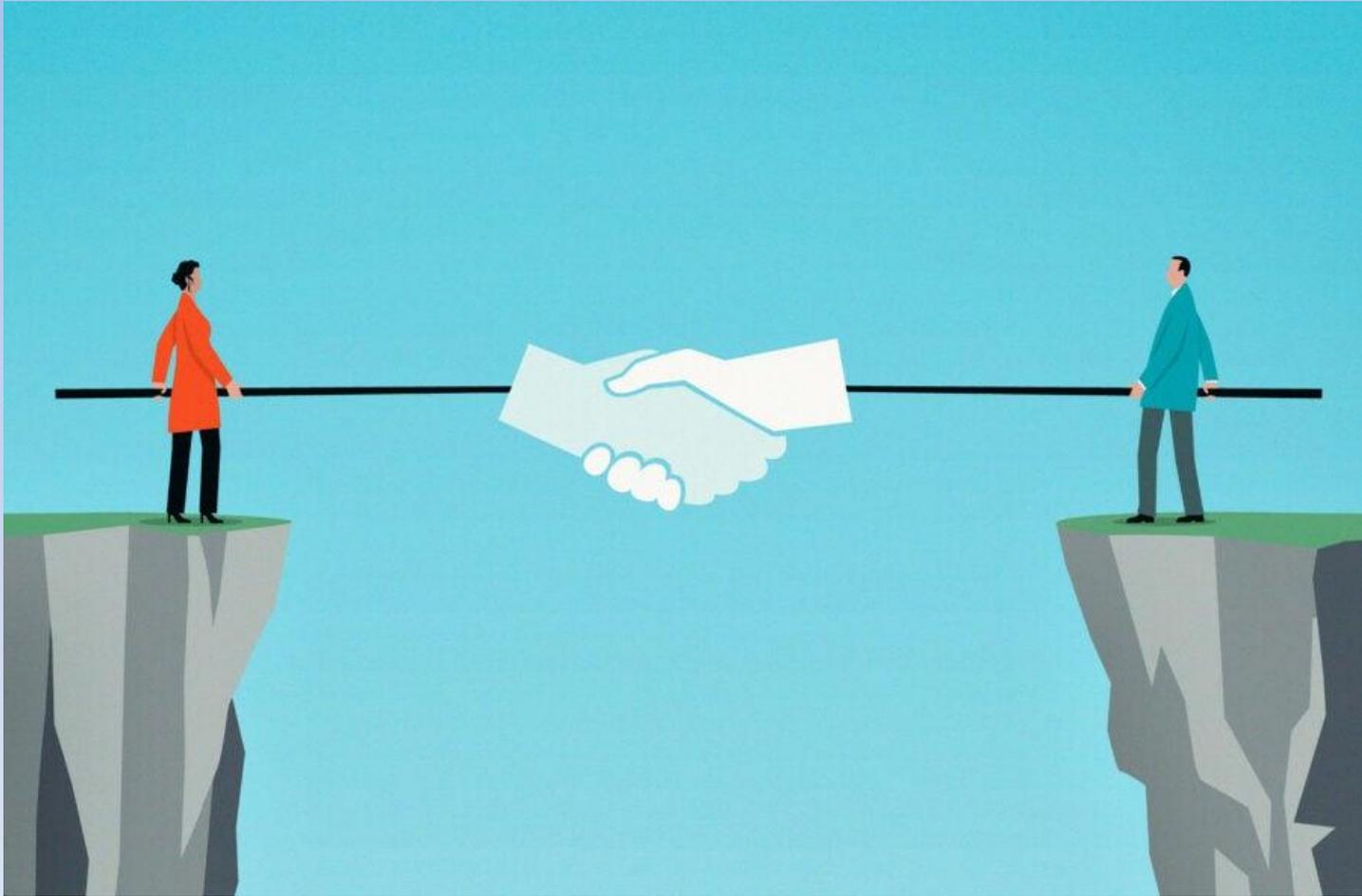- Diversity as richness – culture of encounter

Human Flourishing

Dialogue and Ethics: Humanness

- Search for truth – right and wrong answers
- Relativism – post-truth (polarization)
- Method – human flourishing, consensus *FT,VI*
- Inclusive – overcoming prejudices/bias
- Science – technocratic paradigm
- Method – 'proper truths', scrutiny and verification
- Human rights – *via negativa,* common good
- Gratuity – intrinsic worth, antidote to ethos of competition

Dialogue as a method

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- Dia – deepening, below surface
- Listening – 'deep truths', beyond tolerance
- Building trust – incremental, consensus
- Receptive ecumenism – need for other
- Language – broad not narrow
- Arts – promoting universality, empathy
- Shared action – learning together