

# **Al centro della crisi della sanità italiana: prossimità e integrazione tra narrazione medica e risposta politica**

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*At the Heart of the Italian Healthcare Crisis: Proximity and Integration between Medical Narrative and Political Response*

*Abstract:* The article evolves around two different perspectives, that of medical doctors and that of policymakers, on two crucial shortfalls within the public healthcare's crisis in Italy: the underdevelopment of proximity healthcare services and the integration of health care and social care. The first part explores the medical narrative around such problems on the ground of the qualitative research data. In the second part, the policy response is discussed through an analysis of the essential features of the ongoing reforms proximity healthcare and long-term care for the elderly. One year after the conference that marked the conclusion of the Project *Quale sanità per il futuro? Per una medicina più equa e sostenibile*, conducted by the Center for Religious Studies of the Bruno Kessler Foundation, the article provides new lenses to understand the evolution of the Italian National Health Service today.

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