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Conference stream: Call for Papers & Panels

Sustainability and social innovation in a time of climate and biodiversity emergency

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Description:

At a time of climate emergency and rapid biodiversity loss, there is a need for transformation to a more sustainable economy and society. The rapid change needed requires social innovations of different types and at different scales. This theme will examine how social innovation and social entrepreneurs can contribute to this deep transition, and also the challenges facing social innovation.

The need for more research in this area is increasing rapidly as some governments call for net zero emissions and citizen movements campaign for greater acceleration of change. Innovations to address the climate emergency range from technological solutions via changes in consumption and pro-environmental behaviour to more directly political forms of social innovation. Such a transformation also requires different ways of thinking about the economy and growth, with social innovations focusing on living well within planetary boundaries. This challenges the assumptions of endless economic growth but also requires the scaling up of beneficial innovations and transitions in many sectors. The climate and biodiversity emergency requires a greater understanding of innovation that breaks down the silos of thinking between social and environmental goals, and that also bridges the worlds of academia, practice and policy.

We welcome papers in the following topics as well as others related to the theme of the stream:

- Bringing the social and environmental together to research innovation
- Role of social innovation in ‘greening the build back’

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- Post growth, de-growth and growth agnostic approaches to understanding the economy and social change
- Social innovation for corporate sustainability and corporate social responsibility
- Forms of building resilience and adaptation to climate change and biodiversity loss, including managing the commons and building natural capital
- The scaling of impact of those particular sectors that are relevant to tackling climate change and biodiversity loss
- Urban based social innovation for tackling climate change and biodiversity loss
- Niche restoration of sustainable but often marginalized forms of living with the natural environment
- Social innovation and activism by NGOs, individuals, lawyers, other businesses and academics
- Democratic innovations for sustainability
- Legitimacy building, certification approaches and other regulatory systems for the climate and biodiversity emergency
- Community based innovations for sustainability
- Investment and divestment for the climate emergency and biodiversity loss
- Policy approaches for social innovation for the climate emergency and biodiversity loss

References

N/A

Guidelines for submission

To contribute to the conference, it is possible to submit both paper abstracts or proposals for panel sessions. Following details about the submission:

A. Paper abstracts

Must be maximum 400 words, excluding references (Font: Times New Roman 12-pt, double spaced, 2.5 cm margin all around).

They should articulate: (1) the research objectives or questions being addressed; (2) the conceptual or theoretical perspectives informing the work; (3) where appropriate, the methodology utilised; and (4) the contribution of the paper to knowledge in light of the conference themes.

A maximum of two abstracts may be submitted per presenter (joint papers to be presented by co-authors will also be considered).

To enable anonymity, the authors' names should not appear. Instead, a cover page giving the title of the paper and full identifying information of the author(s) (name, address, telephone and e-mail address) should be included as a separate Word or PDF document.

On abstract submission please ensure you advise the conference stream.

B. Panel session proposals

Must be maximum 400 words, excluding references.



They should include: (1) the panel purpose and its relationship to the nominated conference stream; (2) details of (minimum) three and (maximum) four papers and paper presenters to be included in the panel; and the expected contribution to the panel.

On panel submission please ensure you advise the conference stream.

Process and deadlines

All paper abstracts and panel proposals must be submitted by email to: www.isirc2021milano.com

Abstract and panel proposals submission due: 28th February 2021

Notification of decision on submissions: 31st March 2021

Optional full paper submission for consideration in best paper awards: 15th July 2021

Enquiries about conference administration and technical issues related to online submission should be directed to the conference administration team at isirc2021@unicatt.it

Guidelines for full paper submissions:

Papers must be written in English and should be sent in Microsoft Word or PDF format.

Papers should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words in length including tables, figures and references.

Tables and figures should be incorporated into the paper. Each table and figure should be given a title.

Please include an abstract and four to six key words.

To enable anonymity, the authors' names should not appear. Instead, a cover page giving the title of the paper and full identifying information of the author(s) (name, address, telephone and e-mail address) should be included as a separate Word or PDF document.

Harvard is the preferred referencing style.