CALL FOR PAPERS & SESSIONS

Understanding when institutions change, how institutional innovations are propagated and how institutional evolution occurs, are key theoretical and empirical questions that shape institutional research in economics, sociology, politics, history, geography and other disciplines. In today’s context of major challenges and transformations, these questions are arguably more pressing than ever.

Ours is an era in which digital and other new technologies are recasting economic and political institutions, and social media are transforming personal relationships, reconfiguring civil society and altering the functioning of democracies. As the climate emergency furthermore threatens social stability and human survival, the global balance of power is also shifting, posing challenges to existing institutions set up to maintain world order.

Organised in collaboration with the University of Catania, Sicily, the Seventh WINIR Conference will explore these issues, and use the opportunity to enhance our theoretical understanding of how institutions evolve.

Keynotes lectures, representing different relevant disciplines, will be given by Eric Beinhocker (University of Oxford, UK), Mary Ann Glynn (Boston College, USA), Wendy Wheeler (London Metropolitan University, UK) and David Sloan Wilson (Binghamton University, USA).

The conference will be held in the Benedictine Monastery of San Nicolò l’Arena, located in the historic part of Catania, and will start in the afternoon of Thursday 10 September and end with a dinner on Saturday 12 September. There will be an optional guided tour on Sunday 13 September.

Individual abstracts and 4-paper session proposals related to the conference theme or any other aspect of institutional research (see WINIR’s aims and research priorities) are welcome.

All submissions will be evaluated by the WINIR Scientific Quality Committee.

We look forward to receiving your proposals.

10 April 2020
Submission deadline

30 April 2020
Notification of acceptance

1 May 2020
Registration opens

9 June 2020
Early registration deadline

31 July 2020
Registration deadline for accepted authors

1 August 2020
Non-registered authors removed from programme

1 August 2020
Late surcharge applies

1 September 2020
Full paper submission

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