

CALL FOR PAPERS
(In)Corporate Sustainability Conference



September 16-18, 2020

Barcelona, Spain

Hosted by Law Faculty
Pompeu Fabra University

Deadline for submissions: August 5, 2020

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Following the public calls for action and the limited progress made at COP25 in Madrid on climate action, the scientific community, businesses and public authorities are all answering the call for action not only on the issue of climate emergency, but also on other issues connected with sustainability: from tackling pollution, resource scarcity and advancing the social aspects of sustainability. Awareness of the need for action and the limited time frame for enacting the proposed changes accelerated the developments in the field of sustainability from the diverse market actors: businesses, public administrations and academia. This conference on sustainability aims to focus on the synergies that are to be created from combining the insights on sustainability challenges and solutions from different disciplines, answering the need for an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach for creating a systemic change towards sustainability. The current sustainability challenge demands cooperation, cross-sectoral knowledge and the cooperation of the private and public actors, and (In)Corporate Sustainability Conference seeks to provide a continuous yearly forum in Barcelona for that knowledge to be exchanged, thereby facilitating advancements in the joint goal of sustainability.

We are cordially inviting you to submit your abstracts or papers for presentation at the first annual **(In)Corporate Sustainability Conference**.

The conference will take place **on September 16th, 17th, and 18th 2020 at the Faculty of Law, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain (Campus Ciutadella) and virtually.**

The conference aims to bring together many distinguished researchers in sustainability science from all over the world. Participants will find opportunities for presenting new research, exchanging information, and discussing the current issues. Furthermore, to support the inter and multidisciplinary approach of sustainability science, we welcome any and all suggestions for workshops, best practice presentations for private entities and public authorities in the three respective fields as well as poster presentations of successful projects on sustainability in those fields.

The conference follows the structure of the SCOM Project¹, focusing on:

1. **Sustainable Public Procurement** on the 16th September 2020
2. **Sustainable Corporate Practices** on the 17th September 2020

¹ See www.upf.edu/web/sustainable-company. Project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement no.789461.

3. Sustainable Changes to Higher Education Curricula on the 18th September 2020

In those respective fields, we are welcoming contributions connected with (but not limited to):

1. Sustainable Public Procurement:

- a) Green public procurement and social public procurement at the local, regional, national, or supranational level
- b) Best practices in GPP and SPP at the local, regional, national, or supranational level
- c) The legal framework for GPP and SPP at the local, regional, national, or supranational level
- d) Life cycle costing
- e) GPP or SPP trainings at the local, regional, national, or supranational level
- f) Circular public procurement
- g) Analysis of GPP and/or SPP implementation and monitoring at the local, regional, national, or supranational level
- h) E-public procurement and sustainability
- i) GPP or SPP policies and action plans at the local, regional, national, or supranational level
- j) Developing a community of practice and continuous improvement of the GPP or SPP Approach
- k) Practical challenges of GPP or SPP implementation at the local, regional, national, or supranational level

2. Sustainable Corporate Practices: a. Corporate Governance and Sustainability

- a) Global supply chains
- b) Director duties and sustainability
- c) Sustainability rankings
- d) Best practices in sustainability
- e) Sustainability hotspots
- f) Sustainability reporting
- g) Corporate governance and sustainability
- h) Comparative analysis of corporate legal frameworks and the implementation of sustainability practices

3. Sustainable Changes to Higher Education Curricula:

- a) Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Higher Education Curricula
- b) Incentivising and implementing sustainability-oriented research
- c) Sustainability in university management and organisation
- d) Measuring sustainability in the higher education context
- e) Incentivising sustainability-related research

We furthermore encourage any other empirical or theoretical contributions in the field of sustainability that correspond with the abovementioned fields. **Contributions are to be sent to scm@upf.edu.**

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Important dates:

- **Proposals submission deadline:** August 5, 2020

- **Communication of acceptance:** August 15, 2020

- **Final papers due:** September 1, 2020

- **Conference:** September 16-18, 2020