

XXXII ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ECONOMICS

The Italian Society of Public Economics (SIEP) announces its XXXII Annual Conference, to be held in Milan, Italy, on September 17th and 18th, 2020. The general theme of the Conference is:

“Sustainability and public policy”

Sustainability is currently at the core of research and policy agenda aiming at the definition of newly designed regulatory instruments for governments and individuals. At the global level, The United Nations have defined the “Sustainable Development Goals” approved by all Member States in 2015 with the aim of providing policies to fight poverty, protecting the planet and ensuring peace and well-being for the humankind by 2030. The 17 goals are strongly interconnected and they give a central role to social, economic and environmental sustainability.

In each of the above-mentioned aspects, the economic theory has shown that markets are unable to lead the economy towards welfare maximizing allocations and, as a consequence, the role of States for regulation and incentive policies is central. Since sustainability is a global objective, we also need a supranational coordination, based on a common understanding of challenges and opportunities. Equity, in particular in the intergenerational perspective, is central in the definition of sustainability, as the Bruntland Report (1987) states that: “Sustainable development matches present needs without jeopardizing future generations’ needs”.

Sustainable economic policies involve different levels of intervention and call for new models of development and resource management, with public and private organizations and individuals pursuing the same goals.

Sustainability represents a big challenge for public economics in that, first, it enhances the role of governments in managing and coordinating economic activities and, secondly, because sustainability research covers almost all topics we pursue.

The Scientific Committee of the Conference calls for submissions of papers addressing the theoretical and empirical issues concerning sustainability in its different aspects: poverty and inequality reduction, policies for labor, growth, energy environment and water resources, gender policies, urban economics, institutions and multi-level governance in promoting sustainable policies, education and health policies.

In addition, submissions on any of the following or related topics are welcome:

1. Multi-level finance and public budgeting; fiscal federalism
2. Public choice, political economy; voting
3. Theoretical and empirical analyses of taxation and income redistribution; welfare economics; inequality
4. Asymmetric and private information; mechanism design; games and auctions
5. Public policy evaluation; labor market and pension reforms
6. Market structure, pricing, and design; economics of regulation; antitrust issues and policies

7. Role of supranational governments and EU institutions; fiscal competition and international tax coordination and integration; migration
8. Macroeconomic policy-making; monetary policy
9. Externalities; environmental taxes and subsidies; climate change; international agreements
10. Cultural economics
11. Experimental economics and happiness studies
12. Law and economics

The keynote lecture of the Conference will be delivered by Ehtisham Ahmad (LSE, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment).

The Scientific Committee of the Conference is chaired by Lucia Visconti Parisio and composed by Paola Profeta, Bruno Bosco, Alessandro Santoro, Silvia Marchesi, Alessandra Michelangeli, Stefania Ottone, Riccarda Longaretti, Ambra Poggi.

In addition, the following scholars have kindly accepted to collaborate with the Scientific Committee: Giampaolo Arachi (Università del Salento), Amedeo Argentiero (Università di Perugia), Raul Caruso (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), Floriana Cerniglia (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), Massimo D'Antoni (Università di Siena), Chiara Del Bo (Università Statale di Milano), Leone Leonida (Università di Messina), Rosella Levaggi (Università di Brescia), Anna Marenzi (Università di Venezia Ca' Foscari), Marcello Montefiori (Università di Genova), Flaviana Palmisano (Università di Roma La Sapienza), Massimiliano Piacenza (Università del Piemonte Orientale), Agnese Sacchi (Università di Roma La Sapienza), Gilberto Turati (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore), Alberto Zanardi (UPB e Università di Bologna).

Contributors must submit their papers by May 20th, 2020 through the following link:

<http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SIEP2020/>

Submitted papers should include abstract, JEL codes and keywords. Only completed papers will be considered.

The Scientific Committee will inform authors about the acceptance of papers by June 7th, 2020. All participants need to register and pay the SIEP association and participation fee to the Conference by July 3rd, 2020. Registration form and fee payment instructions will be available at the following link:

<http://www.siepweb.it/siep/it/xxxii-conferenza-2020>

Young authors may benefit of a waiver on SIEP association and participation fee and register to the Conference for free. At the time of submission, they will have to send to info@siepweb.it a declaration of their PhD supervisor certifying that they are doctoral students or obtained their doctoral degree after January 1st, 2019.

The preliminary program of the Conference will be posted by July 19th, 2020. Final papers should be submitted to the previous link (as an update of the early submission) by September 9th, 2020.

The 2020 edition of the SIEP prize is open to authors under the age of thirty-five. All authors of the paper must satisfy this requirement. To compete for the prize, authors must declare their intention at the time of submission or registration and upload the final version by July 3rd, 2020.

The Conference will also host the granting of the Etta Chiuri prize: this prize is reserved to economists under forty years of age who have submitted papers on household decision-making

process, housing market imperfections, illegal migration. All the details about the prize will be available at:

<http://www.siepweb.it/siep/it/premi/premio-etta-chiuri#>.

SIEP members are invited to circulate the call for papers to all potentially interested colleagues. Further announcements about the Conference will be published on the SIEP website:

<http://www.siepweb.it/siep/it/xxxii-conferenza-2020>