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, the conference will explore these issues, with a view to enhancing our theoretical understanding of how institutions evolve.

Keynotes lectures will be given by **Eric Beinhocker** (University of Oxford, UK), **Geoffrey Hodgson** (Loughborough University London, UK) and **David Sloan Wilson** (Binghamton University, USA).

The 8th WINIR 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 Wednesday 20 September and end with a dinner on Friday 22 September. There will be an optional guided tour on Saturday 23 September.

The conference will be preceded by a WINIR Young Scholars Workshop on Tuesday 19 September. A separate call for this event will be circulated shortly.

Individual abstracts and 3- or 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.

KEY DATES

30 May 2023
Submission deadline

15 June 2023
Notification of acceptance

16 June 2023
Registration opens

31 July 2023
Early registration deadline

31 August 2023
Registration deadline for accepted authors

1 September 2023
Non-registered authors removed from programme

1 September 2023
Late fees apply

10 September 2023
Full paper submission deadline

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