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**16<sup>th</sup> REGIONAL  
INNOVATION POLICIES  
CONFERENCE**

**Radical and sustainable  
innovation in clusters and  
multi-specialized regions**



# CALL FOR PAPERS

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## **RADICAL AND SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION IN CLUSTERS AND MULTI-SPECIALIZED REGIONS**

*University of Padua – Department of Economics and Management*

*22-24 September 2022*

For more than a decade the Regional Innovation Policies Conference has been an essential date in the diaries of researchers, policy-makers and practitioners with an interest in the field of regional innovation, regional development and innovation policy. We are pleased to continue this tradition and welcome you this year to Padova, during the celebrations for the 800 years of the University of Padova.

The theme of the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the conference is RADICAL AND SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION IN CLUSTERS AND MULTI-SPECIALIZED REGIONS. The literature on regional innovation has been increasingly focused on improving the quality and sustainability of innovation as well as its intensity. The global challenges raised by the objective of meeting the Sustainable Development Goals ask for an investigation of the drivers of a responsible and sustainable innovation process in clusters and regions. Policymakers are called to enrich the smart specialization framework with new guidelines able to inspire radically new technological trajectories addressing environmental and social inclusiveness. From this perspective, incentives for breakthrough inventions as well as exaptation opportunities may be boosted throughout different forms of collaboration and networking activities inside and outside regional innovation systems, also strengthening the linkages between advanced and developing regions.

### **Call for papers**

We welcome abstract submission related to regional innovation policy, in relation, but not limited, to the following themes:

- Sustainability and technology transition policies
- Social and inclusive innovation
- Environmental and green technologies
- Renewable and nuclear energy innovation for clean growth
- Radical, breakthrough, and exaptive innovation
- Technological collaboration and networking
- Core-periphery technological convergence
- Technological multi-specialization in regions

We encourage submissions from scholars, practitioners, innovators, and leaders who are forging ahead with strategies to shift towards sustainability and technological change in regions. We welcome contributions that develop innovative approaches in concepts, theory, methods, or analysis, and have deep or broad implications to inform place-sensitive strategies for sustainable and technological transitions in clusters and multi-specialized regions.

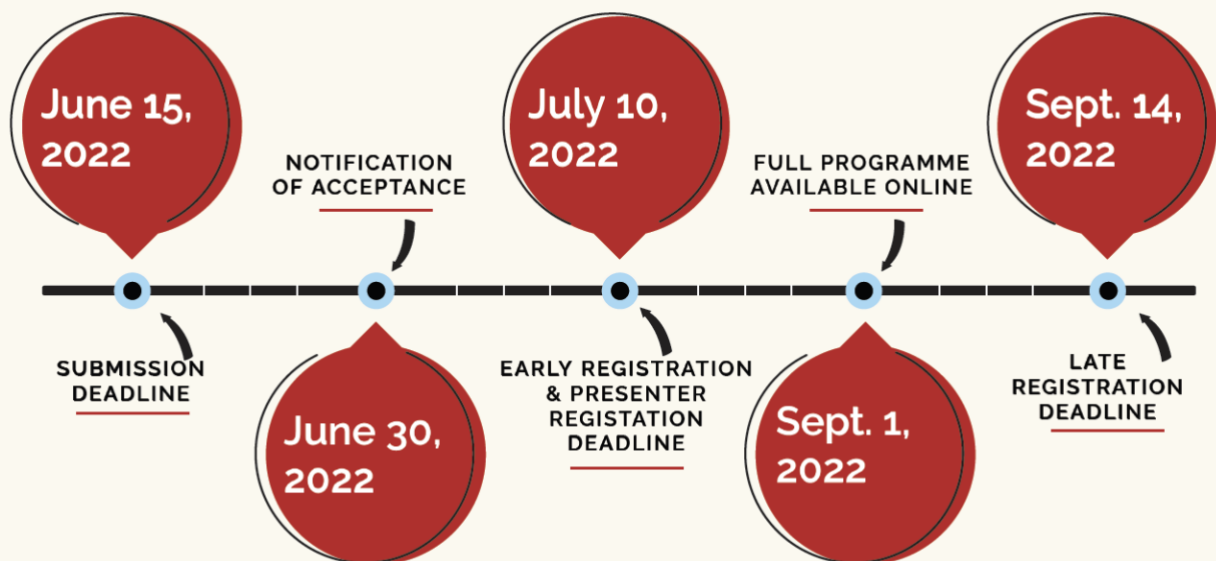
## Submission Guidelines

- Extended abstracts should contain a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1.500 words. Extended abstracts can contain figures, tables and/or images, which are not included in the word count.
- Full papers (optional) should not exceed 8000 words, inclusive of the abstract (maximum 250 words), tables, references, figure, etc.
- To facilitate the blind review process, remove ALL author-identifying information, including acknowledgments, from the uploaded document. Note: You will still include ALL authors associated with your submission during the submission process, but not in your uploaded paper. The author information provided will appear in the printed and online program.
- The entire submission must be in ONE document created in:  
Microsoft Word (.doc, .docx);  
Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf)

## Publication Opportunities

- A special issue on *European Planning Studies* journal is organized to offer publication opportunities to a selection of papers.

## Key Dates



## Contact details

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We look forward to seeing you all in Padova!

