

Twentieth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic & Social Sustainability – On Sustainability Research Network and the University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal

ABOUT US

Founded in 2005, the On Sustainability Research Network is brought together by a common concern for sustainability from a holistic perspective, where environmental, cultural, economic, and social interests intersect. We seek to build an epistemic community where we can make linkages across disciplinary, geographic, and cultural boundaries.

CALL FOR PAPERS

<https://onsustainability.com/2024-conference/call-for-papers>

Place: The University of Aveiro, Aveiro, Portugal and Online

Format: A mix of live, pre-recorded, and in person (at scale that's allowed) presentations and social interaction spaces.

Dates: 24–26 January 2024

SPECIAL FOCUS

Pathways to Sustainability Innovation: Perspectives from Civil Society, Government and Business
Sustainability is an interconnected domain between the natural environment, the economy, politics, culture and society. It should be integrated into every decision made about the future. There are many pathways to sustainability innovation. Theoretical and practical perspectives may help generate innovations in technology, governance, business practices and economics. All of us have a stake in the conservation of the natural environment but we may struggle to find the optimal paths towards sustainability. Civil society groups play a vital role in innovating local solutions and in monitoring local environmental change. Government may play a contradictory role, promoting environmental regulations while also supporting unsustainable economic models. Similarly, businesses may research and develop low carbon technological innovations while using accounting models that treat environmental degradation as an externality.

Through examining the roles of these three stakeholders – civil society, government and business – the theme of sustainability innovation will be explored at the Twentieth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability. Innovations are needed that respect and nurture the ecological realities and planetary boundaries within which all sustainability initiatives take place. Innovation requires participation, with every agent (women, men, children, the elderly, families, villages, business and government) playing an active role in mitigating the impacts of human activity.

Education, monitoring and assessment is essential at all levels and across all sectors if environmental policy and governance is to promote adaptations and improvements to our relationship with nature. We warmly welcome proposals for papers, workshops, interactive sessions, posters and exhibits on the theme of pathways to sustainability innovation and on all dimensions of sustainability. The conference will appeal to scholars, activists, business people and government policy makers. We look forward to welcoming you to this blended conference either online or as an in-place participant in Aveiro, Portugal.

CONFERENCE THEMES

Theme One – MULTIPLE LEGACIES: HERITAGE, TRADITIONS, LOCAL ECOLOGIES, KNOWLEDGE, VALUES, PROTECTION

Theme Two – EXTRACTIONS: FOOD, WATER, ENERGY, RESOURCES, MATERIALS, REUSE, DISTRIBUTION, ACCESSIBILITY, NON-MATERIAL EXTRACTIONS

Theme Three – DIGITAL SUSTAINABILITY: SUSTAINABLE DIGITALIZATION, SMART COMMUNITIES, SMART MOBILITY, GREEN TECHNOLOGIES, ELECTRONIC WASTE

Theme Four – SUSTAINING CRISIS: (DE)GROWTH, ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIES, GREENWASHING, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS
