

2° INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Renaissance in Economics Manifesto for New Economy

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Background: Manifesto for a Renaissance in Economics

In light of global crises and growing socio-environmental challenges, the limitations of traditional economic paradigms have become increasingly apparent. The Manifesto for a Renaissance in Economics (*attached below and signed by more than 350 Italian academics*) advocates for a new economic paradigm going beyond reductionist approaches in five directions, which also constitute the pillars of the Manifesto:

- i)** human beings are more than *hominines economici*, have also other-regarding preferences and are capable of cooperative equilibria in social dilemmas;
- ii)** companies and organizations do not have profit maximization as unique goal but can also have a taste for social and environmental impact;
- iii)** wellbeing is more than GDP and requires multidimensional wellbeing indicators and macroeconomic analysis where interdependences between creation of economic value and social and environmental domains are taken into account;
- iv)** political economy is not just top down but includes the lever of participation and active citizenship in different forms;
- v)** civic engagement of academicians is important in times in which vigilance and action to solve global crises are of utmost importance and we risk a broadening gap between scientific advances and the average culture and education of the overall population.

For more information on the Manifesto, you can visit the website: urly.it/31251

The conference will primary focus on:

1. **Presentation and Discussion of the Manifesto** – A session dedicated to introducing and examining the key principles outlined in the Manifesto.
2. **Keynote Addresses by Renowned Scholars** – Talks by leading invited experts on the foundational pillars of the Manifesto.
3. **Research Paper Sessions** – Presentations of selected research papers that contribute to the themes and pillars outlined in the Manifesto.
4. **Assembly of Manifesto Co-Signers** – A gathering of signatories to discuss shared commitments and future initiatives.
5. **Discussion on the International Declaration** – An in-depth conversation focused on crafting an international declaration inspired by the Manifesto's values.
6. **Dialogue with Students and Youth on the Manifesto** – An open forum for younger generations to engage and debate the principles of the Manifesto.

Call for paper

This conference explores a transformative shift in economic thought, moving beyond reductionist approaches that focus solely on profit maximization, GDP growth, and self-interested agents. By embracing a more holistic and integrated perspective, we can build economic models that better align with human values, social wellbeing, and environmental sustainability.

Research Focus Areas:

- **Beyond Homo Oeconomicus:** We invite theoretical and empirical contributions that investigate individual preferences, empathy, emotional factors, caring systems, education, welfare structures, and cooperative solutions to social dilemmas. Submissions from fields such as behavioral, feminist, comparative economics, environmental and ecological economics are welcome. Submissions should explore how these insights can reshape microeconomic foundations and macroeconomic frameworks, aiming to address social and environmental challenges through improved policy design.
- **Beyond Profit Maximization:** Papers are welcome that examine alternative goals for companies and organizations, such as the pursuit of social and environmental impacts, gender equity, and value-driven economic contributions, moving beyond traditional profit-focused models.
- **Beyond GDP:** Contributions to the study of multidimensional societal wellbeing are encouraged, particularly those that consider the intersections of social and environmental factors, capability development, complex systems, sustainable development, and the relative influence of income and non-income factors on life satisfaction and meaning.
- **Beyond Top-Down Political Economy:** We seek theoretical and empirical work on grassroots initiatives, local community actions, collaborative welfare strategies with public and private entities, subsidiarity in governance, and multi-level policy making to explore the transformative potential of participatory political economy.
- **Toward Civic Engagement:** We welcome studies on the civic role of academics, including the societal impacts of their work and the significance of academic involvement in addressing global issues.

Purpose and Outcomes

This conference aims to facilitate interdisciplinary dialogue among economists, social scientists, policymakers, business leaders, and civil society advocates. By examining these five core directions, participants will explore how economic models and policies can be redesigned to promote a just and sustainable global future. Attendees will gain insights into innovative approaches and collaborate to formulate actionable recommendations that bridge theory and practice.

Who Should Attend

This conference is open to researchers, academics, policy advisors, business leaders, non-profit organizations, and any individuals interested in advancing an economic paradigm shift toward sustainability, equity, and resilience. Expected conference participants are both senior and young. This conference seeks bold and innovative perspectives that challenge traditional approaches to economics, embracing more comprehensive, sustainable, and people-centered models.

We encourage submissions that reflect on key themes within our Manifesto and contribute to building a holistic economic framework for a sustainable future.

Contributions on New Economic Paradigms

Participants may contribute in the following ways:

1. **Full Research Papers.** Submit a complete paper presenting new findings or theoretical contributions related to the conference themes. Papers may focus on advanced topics or deep analyses that explore the potential for transformative change in economic paradigms.
2. **Extended Abstracts for Presentations.** Submit an extended abstract (600-1,000 words) summarizing the main arguments, research questions, and key insights of your research or practice-based work.
3. **Policy or Practice-Oriented Contributions.** For those with expertise in policymaking, consulting, or applied research, we welcome policy papers or case studies that demonstrate real-world applications and impacts related to the conference themes. Submissions should provide in-depth analysis, insights, and lessons that inform best practices or actionable recommendations.

Themes for Submissions

Submissions should align with one or more of the **Research Focus Areas**. Although not exclusively, submissions should mainly refer to the five pillars.

Formatting Guidelines

- **Full Papers** should be 3,000–8,000 words in length, with standard academic formatting (e.g., Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced).
- **Extended Abstracts** should be between 600 and 1,000 words, outlining the core research questions, methods, and insights.
- **Policy Papers/Case Studies** should include an executive summary and total between 1,500 and 5,000 words.

Submission Process

- Submit documents in PDF or Word format by **February 9th**.
- Each submission should include the author's name, affiliation, and contact information.
- All submissions must be sent to **Google Form**: <https://shorturl.at/vj4Fz>.

Review and Selection Process

Submissions will be reviewed by the conference committee for alignment with conference themes, originality, and potential to contribute to actionable insights. Accepted participants will be notified by **March 9th**.

Benefits of Participation for Contributors

Participants will have opportunities to:

- Present their work to an engaged audience of academics, young researchers, and practitioners.
- Lead and participate in discussions that shape the direction of emerging economic paradigms.
- Network with other experts and collaborate on interdisciplinary projects.

Youth Contributions on New Economic Paradigms

Why Submit?

This is a unique opportunity to present your ideas alongside renowned scholars, participate in lively discussions, and connect with like-minded peers passionate about reshaping the field of economics.

Themes for Submissions

We welcome original contributions that align with one or more of the **Research Focus Areas**. Although not exclusively, submissions should mainly refer to the five pillars.

Submission Guidelines

- **Extended Abstracts for Presentations.** Submit an extended abstract (600-1,000 words) summarizing the main arguments, research questions, and key insights of your research or practice-based work by **February 9th**.
- Accepted abstracts will be notified by **March 9th**.
- Submissions should include the author's name, affiliation, and contact details.
- All submissions must be sent to **Google Form: urly.it/31252g**
- For information, please write to **Email summityouthgeneration@gmail.com**.

Benefits of Participation for Young Contributors

Selected participants will have the opportunity to:

- Present their research at the conference.
- Engage in discussion sessions with senior academics and thought leaders.
- Participate in a youth forum to discuss the Manifesto's values and themes.
- Obtaining an official certificate of participation
- Contribute to integrating and improving the Youth Manifesto (manifesto-dei-giovani-per-una-nuova-economia/)

Young Researcher Award

We are pleased to announce that an award will be presented to the young researcher with the best paper at the conference. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to advancing new economic paradigms and innovative thinking. The winning paper will be selected based on originality, research rigor, and relevance to the conference themes. The recipient will receive a certificate, a monetary prize (1.500 euro), and receive an official certificate from the International Conference. This award aims to encourage young researchers to contribute fresh perspectives and drive impactful change in the field of economics.

Organized Sessions: Exploring New Economic Paradigms

The Conference invites proposals for organized sessions that bring together diverse voices to discuss and expand upon the themes outlined in our Manifesto. We welcome academic, policy, and practitioner perspectives that collectively challenge traditional economic paradigms and explore holistic approaches to achieving social and environmental wellbeing. Organized sessions provide a collaborative platform for interdisciplinary dialogue on critical economic and societal challenges, fostering innovative solutions through diverse contributions.

Session Goals

Organized sessions are designed to:

- Explore key themes in a structured, collaborative format.
- Connect theoretical insights with practical applications.
- Encourage interdisciplinary perspectives and youth involvement.
- Contribute to actionable recommendations in economic, social, and environmental policy.

Themes for Organized Sessions:

We encourage proposals that align with one or more of the **Research Focus Areas**. Although not exclusively, submissions should mainly refer to the five pillars.

Session Proposal Guidelines:

- Each session usually includes 3-5 presenters, ideally representing different perspectives or disciplines.
- Proposals should include a 700-word description of the session
- Please provide the names, affiliations, and contact information of all proposed presenters.
- Sessions may include interactive formats, such as panel discussions or roundtables or workshops. We especially encourage youth-centered proposals.

Submission and Review Process:

Submit proposals to conferenceneweconomy@gmail.com **February 9th**. All proposals will be reviewed based on alignment with conference themes. Accepted sessions will be notified by **March 9th**.

Benefits of Organizing a Session:

Session organizers will have the opportunity to:

- Lead and shape critical discussions on emerging economic paradigms.
- Engage with an international audience of scholars, policymakers, and practitioners.
- Obtaining an official certificate of participation.
- Collaborate with participants across disciplines to generate actionable insights.

Comittee

Scientific Committee

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Summary of the deadlines for participating in the calls

Submission Process

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Review and Selection Process

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International Event: Renaissance in Economics. Manifesto for New Economy

- Department of Economics and Management, University of Firenze (Italy), 5-6 June 2025
- Information regarding participation in the Conference will be sent later by the Organizing Committee