

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND SPECIAL SESSIONS

The **Triple Helix Association** together with the **University of Florence** (Department of Economics and Management) invite you to the 20th edition of Triple Helix Conference “Governing new and traditional partnerships for innovation and development in the post-pandemic world” which will be held from the 27 to the 29 of June 2022 in Florence.

The Covid-19 pandemic has profoundly affected the social, environmental, and economic system of the 21st century at the global level, further exacerbating the societal challenges faced by society in the pre-pandemic era. Climate change, social exclusion and inequality are just a few of the wicked problems that need to be addressed in the near future. The collaboration mechanisms among the actors embedded in innovation ecosystems are crucial to develop novel solutions and reach well-being and sustainability. Universities, private and Public Research Organisations (PROs) and governmental institutions as well as industrial and social organisations must find new governance arrangements and ways of working together to tackle these unprecedented challenges to boost innovation for a sustainable and just development in the post-pandemic world.

The Conference aims at providing an international and multidisciplinary venue for discussing and advancing our understanding of these relations with outstanding scholars, policy makers and practitioners. The Conference will be held in presence at the University of Florence giving the opportunity to explore the beauties of this city as well as to visit the Tuscany region in the heart of Italy. It will be also possible to participate online as this edition of the conference will be organized as a hybrid event, giving participants the opportunity to present and interact from remote.

ABSTRACTS

We encourage submissions of abstracts from academics, practitioners, and policymakers in the following categories within the **28 February 2022**:

- **Research papers:** Theoretical and/or empirical research
- **Practical Experiences:** Practitioners presenting cases of interactions between research, policy, and operative organizations (with emphasis on successes/challenges, good/bad practices, current and future implications for industry and society).
- **Posters:** Visual summaries of Research papers and Practical experiences.

The abstract submission is possible only on-line; abstracts submitted by e-mail, fax or post will not be accepted.

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be communicated only to the Presenting Author by **31 March 2022**.

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The contributions will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee of the 2022 Triple Helix Conference. The selection criteria include:

- scientific/practical relevance of the proposed paper/case
- fit with one or more of the themes below.

No review comments will be provided. Each author will have the opportunity to present no more than one contribution during the Conference. Papers, cases and posters should be submitted as extended abstracts (minimum 500 words, maximum 1000 words) and prepared following the instructions in the submission platform.

Please note that in order for the abstract to be included in the final program, presenting authors (either on site or from remote) must be registered to the conference within 31 May 2022.

Presenting authors will have the opportunity to participate to the following awards:

- Early career researchers
- Best conference paper
- Best practical cases
- Best poster awards

Those who intend to participate to the awards are requested to submit a full paper within the 31 May 2022. Please note that the full paper is not requested for the poster award.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Academics, practitioners, and policymakers that are willing to organize a special session within the Conference are kindly invited to submit their proposal within the **28 February 2022**.

Proposal must be submitted filling the special sessions template available on the website and sent by email to: AbstractTHC2022@oic.it

Please visit the "CALL FOR ABSTRACT AND SPECIAL SESSION" section on the website to download the template: <https://www.triplehelixconference2022.org/home/#abstract>

TRACKS

We welcome contributions that are related to the following themes:

1. Theoretical foundations and methodological approaches for TH research

Theories and methods to advance the theoretical understanding of TH approaches and initiatives, included extensions (e.g., quadruple and quintuple helix)

2. Governance models and policy design for triple helix initiatives in the aftermath of Covid-19

Empirical evidence and theoretical contributions regarding the governance of TH and the design of related multi-level policies in the post-Covid

3. Evaluating the impact of TH initiatives

Indicators, metrics and novel methods to assess the social, economic and environmental impact of TH models (and their extensions)

4. Partnerships of emerging actors and hybrid organizations for knowledge co-creation, innovation, and sustainability

Cases and projects addressing complex cross sectoral and TH (and extensions) partnerships, including spanning organizations and functions, which aim at fostering co-creation of knowledge, innovation and sustainability in different local contexts

5. Academic engagement, third mission and the social impact of universities in the aftermath of Covid-19

Novel approaches and related practices to organize third mission of universities and PROs possibly engaging new disciplines (e.g. the humanities), for the wellbeing of communities in the aftermath of Covid-19

6. Entrepreneurship education in the context of TH approaches

Entrepreneurship and innovation courses and programmes in the context of TH approaches to enhance soft and transversal skills within and beyond the framework of the Entrepreneurial university

7. Boosting social innovation and ecological transition in regional innovation ecosystems

Social innovation dynamics and ecological transition in innovation ecosystems to boost urban regeneration and sustainability in cities and regions.

8. Connecting and upgrading industrial districts

Unpacking the weak/missing links between systems of SMEs and universities/PROs, also in the context of global knowledge networks and industrial value chains. Hindering conditions in the exchange and co-creation of knowledge. Supporting factors of connectivity with research and higher education within and throughout TH

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9. Research in the periphery, striving for global excellence and supporting local development

The complex relationship between universities/PROs and more peripheral regions in both the Global North and South; universities/PROs finding/losing balance between the search for excellence in national and global academic/research networks and the collaboration with regional stakeholders for local development

10. Translational research in health science in the post pandemic world

The importance of relationships between health science and transnational research, highlighted by the Covid-19 to develop new solutions (e.g., digital medicine) for the well-being of society

11. TH partnerships, co-patenting, and market power relations

Contributions addressing the problems of intellectual property rights concentration and market power relation affecting the production and diffusion of knowledge of universities/PROs, and the possible role of TH partnerships in the management of infrastructures of public knowledge for innovation

12. TH contribution to Sustainability and Recovery programmes and policies

Theoretical and empirical contributions to unpack which roles can TH (and extensions) play within the Recovery programmes that Governments, across both the Global North and South, are designing and implementing to tackle the effects of Covid-19 under objectives of economic, social and environmental sustainability

13. The fourth industrial revolution, innovation mega trends and new challenges for TH research in the post pandemic world

Contributions on innovation mega-trends and cases and practices of digital and green transitions in the aftermath of Covid-19 where TH initiatives (and extensions) give an effective or potential support to new knowledge and responsible innovation (e.g., in smart cities or in urban regeneration programmes)

14. International integration and local development: the role of universities in connecting local communities with global knowledge networks

Contributions on models and strategies of universities to connect global knowledge to local communities, to create international research networks and transnational relations

KEY DATES

- Submission deadline for abstract and special sessions: **28 February 2022**
- Notification of acceptance: **31 March 2022**
- Early Bird Registration: from **15 January to 15 April 2022**
- Regular registration deadline: **31 May 2022**

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27 JUNE
29 JUNE 2022

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Visit the Conference website for further information:

<https://www.triplehelixconference2022.org/home/#abstract>

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