



3rd International Conference on

RETHINKING CLUSTERS: PLACE-BASED INITIATIVES FOR INCLUSIVE, INNOVATIVE AND REFLECTIVE SOCIETIES

14th – 15th May, 2020

Universitat Politècnica de València & Universitat de València

Last year in Padova, and for the second time, a vibrant community of scholars met for discussing over critical issues and new trajectories of cluster research and the local and global scale of the clusters' sustainability transitions. In 2020, the third edition of the conference will take place in Valencia (Spain) and, besides the main themes which also characterized the previous editions, a special attention will be given to how clusters contribute to inclusive, innovative and reflective societies. The conference focuses on emergent issues related to the evolutionary trajectories of clusters, which encompass the major challenges of the globalization of production, the extension of the value chains, the opportunities of smart technologies in manufacturing and services, the transition towards sustainability and the challenge of the artificial intelligence, but also how clusters produce value for the society.

The contents of the conference relate, but are not limited, to these themes:

1. Regional development and clusters for inclusion and cohesion: a socioeconomic approach
2. Multinationals, clusters and global value chain
3. Technological change, innovation, networks and ecosystems
4. Cluster life cycle, resilience and evolutionary trajectories of local systems
5. Clusters' transition towards sustainability and regional development
6. Entrepreneurship in clusters, local systems and ecosystems
7. Culture and creative industries in sustainability transitions
8. Industry 4.0 and digitalization of firms, clusters and regions
9. Artificial intelligence in clusters and local development
10. Place-based policies: inclusive, reflexive and innovative initiatives
11. Sustainability transitions in the energy sector
12. Complexity theory and sustainable development
13. Research methods on clusters, industrial districts and local systems

Innovation is our focus. We encourage submissions from scholars in the social and scientific sciences, who are forging ahead with innovation strategies to shift towards digitization and sustainability. We welcome contributions that develop innovative approaches in concepts, theory, methods or analysis and have deep or broad implications to inform transitions to digitization and sustainability, and that use observational, experimental or theory-driven modes of inquiry, either at the micro- or meso-level unit of analysis.



Organizational matters

The conference will take place at the Department of Management (DOE) of the *Universitat Politècnica de València* and the Faculty of Economics of the University of Valencia on May 15th-17th, 2020. Valencia, Spain.

Interested contributors should send an extended abstract or a full paper to the email address: rethinkingclusters@cfp.upv.es from January 15th till February 28th, 2020. Submitters of abstracts are required to select the appropriate track they prefer for the paper.

Extended abstracts are encouraged and should contain a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 2500 words. Extended abstracts can contain figures, tables and/or images that are not included in the word count. **Full papers (optional)** should not exceed 8000 words, inclusive of the abstract (150 words), tables, references, figure captions and endnotes.

Members of the community that are willing to **organize a special session** within the conference are kindly invited to send an email to the local organizers (jose.hervas@omp.upv.es) before the 30th of January, including a description of the contents of the session and a list of the participants.

The acceptance of the extended abstracts/full papers shall be announced by **March 30th, 2020**.

Registration and fee: 155 Euro. Fee will cover lunches, dinners and coffee breaks during the days of the conference. Registration will open from March 30 2020 on. All the information will be published on the conference official website from December 14th, 2019.

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Important dates

Submission deadline:	January 15 th starts up to March 16 th , 2020
Notification of acceptance:	March 30 th , 2020
Registration deadline:	April 26 th , 2020
Conference:	14-15 th May, 2020

Venue: Universitat Politècnica de València, Cami de Vera s/n,
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Publications opportunities

We believe that the dissemination of topics and discussions of Rethinking Clusters are valuable to the academic community and policy makers. For this reason, we are organizing a selection of journals (*Scopus* and *WOS-Clarivate*) and edited books of international publishers (Routledge, Springer, etc.) in order to offer publications opportunities to those papers selected.

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