





University of Ferrara

19th EIASM INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE on "INTANGIBLES, SUSTAINABILITY, AND VALUE CREATION – REPORTING, MANAGEMENT, AND GOVERNANCE"

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CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

This Conference follows the adoption, in July 2023, by the European Commission, of the first delegated act that sets out cross-cutting standards for the disclosure of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) information. The sustainability reporting revolution has started and further guidance is now expected to address its implementation challenges that relate to the definition and the content of material sustainability/ESG information, to how to collect the required sustainability/ESG information, or to what form of communication should be employed, including in what digital form. To address those issues, an interdisciplinary conversation seems instrumental. Hence, the ambition of the Grenoble conference is in creating an unprecedent opportunity for cross-disciplinary exchanges that will assist regulators, preparers, and all users of the upcoming sustainability reporting. The conversation is expected to encompass all pillars of the European Sustainability Reporting Standards : climate change, pollution, water and marine resources, biodiversity and ecosystems, resource use and circular economy, own workforce, workers in the value chain, affected communities, consumers and end-users, business conduct. Beyond those reporting issues that will contribute to an equal footing between sustainability and financial reporting, other management sciences problematics persist that address the changes in corporate culture, the emergence of a sustainability governance and an enhancement of risk and uncertainties management that include impacts, and the contribution of sectorial analysis. This makes of the concept of "values creation" - rather than single value creation, a multi-perspective, multi-stakeholders, multi-dimension, multi-time horizon, multi-intangibility concept that deploys various objectives yet to structure. Hence, company ecosystems, more than ever, need academic support to drive the transition from a purely shareholder oriented perception of value to a stakeholder and sustainability-infused vision.

SPECIAL TRACKS ON

"INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL, SUSTAINABILITY AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN KNOWLEDGE INTENSIVE ORGANISATIONS"

Track leaders:

Prof. Daniela Mancini, University of Teramo, Teramo - Italy Prof. Michaela Bednarova, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla - Spain Prof. Alberto Quagli, University of Genova, Genoa - Italy Prof. Clémence Garcia, Gakushuin University, Tokyo - Japan

"ADVANCING SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING IN SMES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MODERN LANDSCAPE"

Track leaders:

Giuseppe Nicolò, University of Salerno - Italy Nicola Raimo, LUM University - Italy Paolo Tartaglia Polcini - University of Salerno - Italy Filippo Vitolla, LUM University – Italy

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 19 September 2024 IMAG building, auditorium, Saint Martin d'Hères

08.00 Registration (IMAG building – ground floor)

08.45 Welcome Addresses and Inauguration of the Conference (Auditorium)

- Julie Sorba, VP Human and Social Sciences and Sabine Lavorel, VP Sustainability
- Prof. Elisabeth Walliser, President Association Francophone de Comptabilité
- Prof. Stefano Zambon, University of Ferrara, co-Chair of the Conference
- Associate Prof. Véronique BLUM, co-Chair of the Conference

09.00 Opening Plenary Session – "New disclosure requirements require sciencebased measurements, paths towards a fruitful transdisciplinary dialog" (Auditorium)

• Prof. Anup Srivastava, Canada Research Chair (Accounting, Decision-Making and Capital Markets) and Professor Haskayne School of Business at University of Calgary

"From Intangibles to Natural Capital Accounting: Miles to go before accountants can sleep"

- Prof. Beatrice Crona, Professor of Sustainability Science, Scientific Director of the Stockholm Resilience Center, Stockholm University, Sweden "Accounting for a Sustainable Future: Integrating Planetary Boundaries into Corporate Reporting"
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 Parallel sessions 1 (detail on the next page)
- 12.30 Lunch at L'Oiseau Blanc
- 14.15 Parallel sessions 2
- 16.15 Coffee break

16.45 Plenary session – "Corporate Sustainability data/ disclosure requirements: conceptual and technical challenges"

moderated by **Pierre Thérond**, member of the scientific committee of the Mapmondes chair

- Beate Sjåfjell, Oslo University, Norway (online)
- Sarah Cornell, Stockholm Resilience Center, Stockholm University, Sweden
- Mario Abela, Director of Standards, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- Maxime Mathon, Platform RSE France

19.30 Dinner at Café Andry

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- 09.00 Parallel sessions 3
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 Parallel sessions 4
- 12.30 Lunch at L'Oiseau Blanc

14.30 Closing keynote: standard setters roundtable "Developing auditable sustainability standards for value creation : towards connectivity and integration?" (Auditorium) Moderation by Shruti Kashyap

- **Chrystelle Richard,** member of the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB); Professor at ESSEC Business School; and former President of the Association Francophone de Comptabilité (AFC)
- Laura Girella, Technical Specialist, Integrated Reporting and Connectivity Team, IFRS Foundation, and Associate Professor of Business Economics, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
- Alexandre Rambaud, CERCES, CARE accounting
- Mario Abela, Director of Standards, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- **Nicolas Konialidis**, Asia Director and Technical Director, International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) *(in video connection)*
- Patrick de Cambourg, Chair, Sustainability Reporting Board, EFRAG (in video connection)
- Eelco van der Enden, Incoming CEO, Accountancy Europe, and former CEO, Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) *(in video connection)*

16.00 Conferment of the "Best Junior Contribution to the Theory and Practice of Intangibles, IC and Sustainability Award"

Presentation of XX EIASM Interdisciplinary Conference on "Intangibles, Intellectual Capital, and Sustainability" to be held on 18-19 September 2025 in Modena at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, by Associate Professor Laura Girella.

Closing words

Co-Chairs: *Véronique Blum*, Université Grenoble Alpes Prof. *Stefano Zambon*, University of Ferrara

16.30: Farewell coffee

11.00 Thursday September 19 : Parallel sessions 1

	ESG DISCLOSURES AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES				
	Auditorium	Chairperson : Max	ime Mathon		
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	Special track		
Bryl Lukasz		The impact of ESG reporting on financial performance. The moderating role of ESG disclosure on twitter (x)			
Izzo Teresa	Ludovica Evangelista Daniela Mancini Gianluca Risaliti	Theories and determinants of voluntarily disclosed corporate decarbonization efforts: a systematic literature review	Intellectual capital, sustainability and digital technologies in knowledge organisations		
Nicolò Giuseppe Vitiana L'abate Nicola Raimo Filippo Vitolla		Substantive vs symbolic paths in SDG disclosure via social media: evidence from local governments	Advancing sustainability reporting in SMEs: challenges and opportunities in the modern landscape		

SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR			
Salle 1	Chairperson : Pierre Thérond		
Presenter	Co-authors Presentation title		
		The decoupling of extra-financial materiality assessment practices : study of cooperative and shareholder banks	
Holland John		Sustainability reporting in financial firms and changing behaviour in finance and society	
Brescia Valerio	Paolo Biancone Silvana Secinaro Davide Calandra Ginevra Degregori	Evaluating sustainability reporting in SMEs: insights from Banca Etica's approach	

	SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES AND GOVERNANCE			
S	alle 2	Chairperson : Mohamed Khenissi		
Presenter	Presenter Co-authors Presentation title			
García-Meca Emma	Jennifer Martinez Ferrero Nazim Hussain	The impact of ESG- linked compensation policies on the avoidance of irresponsible ESG: evidence from European firms		
Lauer	Clemens	ESG - related executive compensation and firms' voluntary financial disclosures		
Vysotskaya Anna		Do women on boards drive sustainability strategies: evidence from the S&P 500		

	SUSTAINABILITY ACCOUNTING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR			
Salle	e de réunion	Chairperson : Alexandre Rambaud		
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	Special track	
Counillon Victor		Translating a local government's water use and preservation in accounting through ecological accounting C.A.R.E. method : case study of a municipal lake.	Intellectual capital, sustainability and	
Lopez Jean Claude	Anne Goujon Belghit	Analytical reading of stakeholder requirements compared with the demand for territorial responsibility in the fashion industry: soft law to the rescue of the sustainable economy	digital technologies in knowledge intensive organisations	
Diletta Vito	Daniele Tammaro Vincenzo Zarone	Accountable government for resilient country: empirical evidence on the mediating role of economic, social, and technological development		

14.15 Thursday September 19 : Parallel sessions 2

	DIGITALIZATION AND SMEs				
Auditorium Chairperson : Giuseppe Nicolò					
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	Special track		
Garcia Clemence	Takeo Itabashi	Development of a decentralized disclosure system for SMEs: a use case of blockchain to compute and disclose brand value	Advoncing		
Raimo Nicola	L'abate Vitiana, Esposito Benedetta, Sica Daniela, Nicolò Giuseppe, Vitolla Filippo	Flying towards transparency: revealing circular economy disclosure drivers in airline industry	Advancing sustainability reporting in SMEs: challenges and		
Urbini Alessia	Maarten Corten, Niels Appermont, Nadine Lybaert, Christophe Robbeets	The impact of the CEO's ESG-commitment on their SME's ESG- performance and the moderating role of the accountant and auditor	opportunities in the modern landscape		
Guidi Michele	Roberta Ciccola, Marco Giuliani, Maria Serena Chiucchi	Exploring the role of digital technologies in SMEs sustainability reporting practices			

CONTROVERSIES RISKS AND RISKS MITIGATION			
	Salle 1	Chairperson : Pierre Thérond	
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	
Macuda Malgorzata	Pawel Zieniuk	Voluntary assurance on sustainability reporting in European companies prior to the implementation of the CSRD	
Kuzina Ruslana Navigating governance innovations: a literature review on advancir SDG agenda amidst conflict		Navigating governance innovations: a literature review on advancing the SDG agenda amidst conflict	
Raval Vivek The		The risk relevance of restructuring	

	THE VALUATION AND THE MEASUREMENT OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS				
Sal	le 2	Chairperson : Elisabeth V	Valliser		
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	Special track		
De Clarens	Nicolas	Alignment and agility: new dimensions for valuing			
Pascal	Antheaume	and managing the intangible value of organisations			
Cisi	Napoli	A network-based framework for Industrial Symbiosis			
Maurizio	Roberta	economic evaluation			
Dargenidou Christina	Jan Marton	Comparability between acquired and internally generated intangible assets			
Garcia Clemence		Reconsidering the measurement of digital assets as intangibles from the viewpoint of business models	Intellectual capital, sustainability and digital technologies in knowledge organisations		

	DRAWING LESSONS AND BUILDING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY				
Salle	de réunion	Chairperson : Hugues Chenet	Chairperson : Hugues Chenet		
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	Special track		
Pennesi Alice	Michele Guidi Marco Giuliani	Navigating scandals: a longitudinal analysis of corporate communication strategies in sustainability reporting and social media			
Disse Eléonore		What does "sustainable value creation" mean? Or how an ecological accounting approach to value could clarify sustainable business models			
Fantauzzi Chiara	Rocco Frondizi	The role of higher education institutions in the knowledge era: from the third to the fourth and fifth mission			
Micolucci Manuel		Alternative performance evaluation in public administration and energy sector state own enterprises: the challenge of measuring environmental sustainability and the learning organisation approach applied to state- owned enterprises.	Intellectual capital, sustainability and digital technologies in knowledge intensive organisations		

09.00 Friday September 20 : Parallel sessions 3

	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY : NEW RIGHTS, NEW EFFECTS			
Auditorium		Chairperson : Clémence Garcia		
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	Special track	
Kop, Aysegul Eda	Bengu Celek	The effect of climate change on nation branding strategies: comparative analysis of Sweden, Norway, Germany	Advancing sustainability reporting in SMES: challenges and opportunities in the modern landscape	
Enache Luminita	Muskan Chawla Ashish Ochani	End of intellectual property protection and information environment		
Denoncourt Janice		Company classification taxonomy and corporate intellectual property rights owners		

THE INTANGIBLE ROLE OF STATE INSTITUTIONS				
S	alle 1	Chairperson : Nicola Raimo		
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	Special track	
Beretta Valentina	Maria Chiara Demartini, Sara Trucco And Aurora Rafano	Sustainability reporting: challenges and opportunities for Italian SMEs	Advancing sustainability reporting in SMEs: challenges and opportunities in the modern landscape	
Fontana Stefano	Solimene Coluccia, Fontana Bernardo	Formal Institutions and Voluntary CSR/ESG Disclosure: The Role of Institutional Diversity and Firm Size		
Titova Nellija		Sustainability Reporting in Companies Operating in Central and Eastern Europe Countries / Latvia		

ESG RATINGS, ESG FAILINGS			
Sall	e 2	Chairperson : Alexandre Rambaud	
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	
Shami Anis		Exploring the influence of non-financial reporting practices and double materiality adoption on ESG ratings: evidence from European companies	
Bonnini Stefano		A review of the empirical literature on ESG ratings with a focus on methodologica aspects	
Kurz Iryna Isabelle	Andreas Dutzi	The dark side of ESG ratings – reliability and challenges	

	NEW SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORKS FOR NEW CHALLENGES			
Salle de réunion		Chairperson : Hugues Chenet		
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	Special track	
Raili Liio	Paemurru Elina	Developing a framework for assessing the presentation of double materiality in ESG reporting under the CSRD		
De Schutter Théo		A Comparative Analysis Of Key Sustainability Reporting Frameworks	Intellectual capital, sustainability and digital technologies in knowledge intensive organisations	
Ralite Soline	Hugues Chenet	Unravelling the narratives of the climate finance agenda		

11.00 Friday September 20 : Parallel sessions 4

SINGLE AND DOUBLE MATERIALITY					
Auditorium	Chairperson : Philippe Diaz				
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title			
Lai Alessandro	Silvano Corbella, Matilde D'onofrio, Cristina Florio, Francesca Rossignoli, Riccardo StacchezziniImplementing materiality in the context of sustainability reporting: A structured literature review of materiality assessm processes, determinants, and consequences				
Kashyap Shruti	Charles Mario Abela, Veronique Blum	From single to double materiality: capturing biodiversity impacts and nature-related risks through corporate disclosures			
Chenet Hugues	Alexandre Rambaud Véronique Blum	From double materiality to 'double materialities' in accounting: a framework for a systematic study of the variations of double materiality			
Mähönen Jukka	Vera Palea	Seeing the double materiality through the lens of the European political constitution: implications for interoperability and standards-setting			

HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, PRESERVATION AND REPORTING					
Salle 1	Chairperson : Jérôme Coullaré				
Presenter	Presentation title	Special track			
Tahara Shinsuke	Network governance among healthcare professionals for sustainability of home medical care in Japan				
Wakabayashi Toshiaki	Real effects of sustainability reporting on human capital investments				
Coullaré Jérôme	Exploring cognitive dissonance in diversity recruitment policy designers. A case study	Intellectual capital, sustainability and digital technologies in knowledge organisations			

CONNECTIVITY AND TRANSPARENCY						
Salle 2		Chairperson : Maxime Mathon				
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title				
Baumüller Josef		The principle of "connectivity" in corporate (sustainability) reporting: past, present, and future (online)				
Paemurru, Elina	Raili Lilo	Approaches to the integration of ESG factors in sustainability reports				
Parodi Eugenia		Transparency in sustainability reporting. A structured and bibliometric literature review.				

CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS						
Salle de réunion		Chairperson : Teresa Izzo				
Presenter	Co-authors	Presentation title	Special track			
Alonso Carlos Javier		The intangible value of circular businesses. Analyzing the positive impacts of circular economy models on the organization's intangible capital, from a shared-val				
Counillon Victor		Mobilizing knowledge management to formalize the ontology of ecological planning's information system through comprehensive accounting in respect of ecology, ecosystem-centered accounting, and unpaid ecological costs frameworks.	Intellectual capital, sustainability and digital technologies in knowledge intensive organisations			
Bellucci Andrea	Romina Ferrini	From NFRD to CSRD: the evaluation of the supply chain as an intangible asset in sustainability reporting				

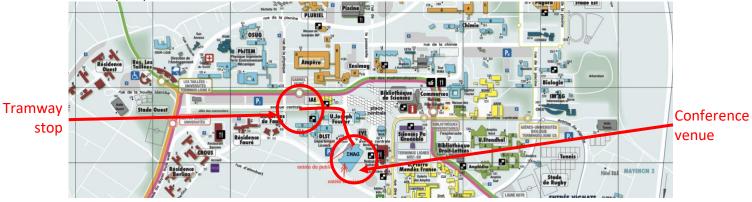
How to arrive to the venue ?

Your destination is the tramway stop **Gabriel Fauré**, which you can reach with Tramway lines B or C. You will find indications to buy the tramway tickets on the next page (coming soon).

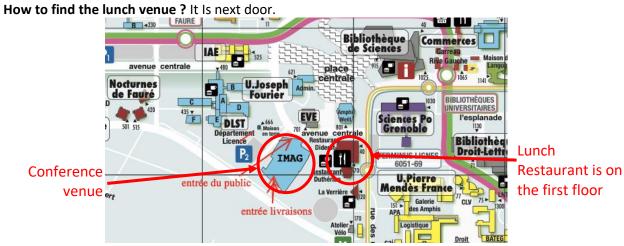


Transportation map of downtown Grenoble.

How to find your way on the campus ? The IMAG building is at short walking distance from the tramway stop.



Campus map



Campus map around IMAG

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19 2024 GALA DINER at Café Andry

The restaurant is located at 5 place Lavalette, in Grenoble, it is next to the Museum, which was the first museum of modern art in France.

The easiest way to reach the restaurant is to take the tramway to the **Notre Dame – Musée** stop. The museum is also at walkable distance from any place downtown. You can also enjoy a walk in the adjacent sculptures garden.

If you have time and would like to see a stunning view on the mountains, we recommend that you take a walk across the Pont Saint Laurent and in direction of the musée Dauphinois.

