

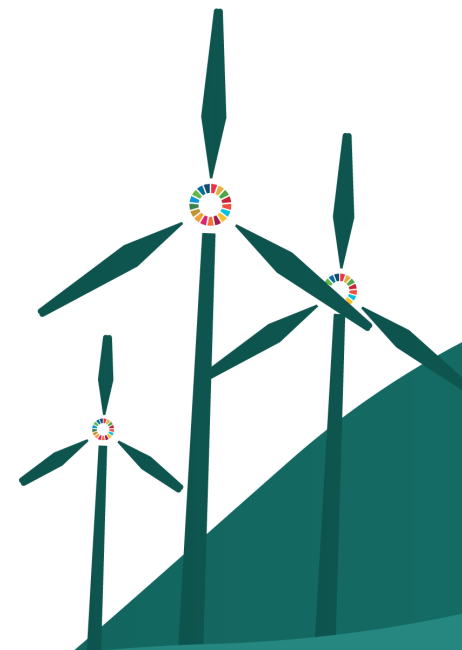
FIFTH SYMPOSIUM ON INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

SOCIAL INNOVATION AND FINANCING FOR THE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS).



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Background

The **inno4sd PhD & Early Career Academy** is part of the educational and capacity building programme of the inno4sd network. Previous versions of the academy were held in **Pretoria**, South Africa (2017) and **Ferrara**, Italy (2018).

Over the coming decades several countries and regions around the world will confront remarkable the opportunities and challenges associated with **a transformation towards sustainable societies**. If on the one hand proactively pursuing those opportunities is touted to yield prospective economic, social and health benefits in the long-run, policy makers and scholars need to deal with the uncertainty of now and anticipate the disruptions that are likely to emerge in the near future. There is no doubt that at the heart of this process stand **knowledge and innovation**. On the one hand, knowledge and its transfer are key elements that will enable the transition by unlocking socio-economic actors from a path-dependent process that stuck our society on increasing environmental impacts. On the other hand, innovation triggers growth and decouples economic benefits from environmental degradation.



Background

One of the pillars of the **third edition of the inno4sd PhD & Early Career Academy** is that a significant part of the transformation to low-carbon economies will play out in different domains, such as labour markets, trade, policy setting, finance, health, etc. The generic claim that modern societies rely on ‘knowledge’ has its practical counterpart in the acknowledgement that the **Sustainable Development Goals**, mediated by economic opportunities and technical capacity, are ultimately carried through by individuals. This implies focusing on the drivers and effects that this transition will bring about by placing society at the center of the debate.

The discussions of the inno4sd Academy are not restricted to the SDG 9 on infrastructure and innovation. The invitation is to rather focus on ongoing and recent research (carried out by young scholars) across the 17 SDGs, and where knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurship play a major role.



Programme*

Nov 12th – Special session: PhD Academy
Venue: Universidad Iberoamericana

09:00	Introduction by Co-chairs and mentors: Mr. Massimiliano Mazzanti , University of Ferrara (Italy), Ms. Imke de Kock , Stellebosch University (South Africa), Ms. Ana Crisol Méndez Medina , Duke University (USA), Ms Valeria Valle , Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico), and Mr Fernando Diaz Lopez , inno4sd (Belgium).
09:20	Keynote Lecture 1 (tba)
10:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:40	Presentations by selected PhD Students
13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30	Presentations by selected PhD Students (continues)
16:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:00	Feedback by senior scholars
18:00	Conclusions and wrapping up



*Programme subject to change.

Course Objectives

The **objectives** of the Academy are:

1. Provide a space for knowledge sharing for and learning to young scholars interested in topics related to transformative innovation, sustainable development and circular economy.
2. Provide opportunity for PhD candidates & early career researchers to present their work.
3. Network opportunity for PhD & early career researchers candidates.
4. Opportunity for PhD candidates & early career researchers to submit work to partners in the inno4sd and affiliated networks to review and receive feedback on the work submitted.

Benefits for participants:

1. Being included in the inno4sd and affiliated networks (individuals and institutions).
2. Receiving feedbacks from leading experts and scholars.
3. Finding chances to interact for future positions, projects and business.
4. To contribute with original research to the knowledge repository “Knowledge and Innovation for SDGS – KI4SDGs”, available at the inno4sd website.

How to participate?

- The academy is primarily open to PhD students and early career researchers from the fields of science, technology and innovation studies, social and political sciences, economics, finance and management and engineering management.
- Candidates from other areas are welcomed to apply, as long as they justify how their topic contributes to the field of innovation/ social/ sustainable innovation for the SDGs.
- Participants are required to submit a short project description and a power point presentation no later than the **November 1st, 2019** to academy@inno4sd.net
- Project descriptions should include the following:
 - 2 pages long abstract with rationale;
 - Research methods (e.g. case studies);
 - Policy or business like relevance;
 - Further research and main references;
 - Knowledge transfer potential should be highlighted as a prominent feature of the research work.
 - Indication on how the (on-going) research contributes to the/a particular SDGs and a clear indication as to which goal and target it refers to.

The session will be in English.



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