



**THE WORLD COMPLEXITY SCIENCE ACADEMY (WCSA)
PROUDLY PRESENTS
A CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPERS**

DEADLINE OCTOBER 3rd, 2020

**9th WCSA WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE
Strand Hotel Delfini Ischia, Italy
November 3rd - November 5th, 2020**

SECTION ONE: PROLOGUE & WCSA PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As the current President of the World Complexity Science Academy (WCSA) -- which is a European-based policy modelling think-tank headquartered in Bologna, Italy -- I am delighted to invite you to the “2020 WCSA Call for Papers” for our 9th WCSA Worldwide Conference in Ischia, Italy. The conference will take place on November the 3rd through 5^h in 2020. The conference is hereby titled:

GEGNET: A Complex System Vision on Global Governance and Policy Modelling

Please feel free to redistribute this information by all means and on the Internet to potentially interested parties, whether they come from academic, legislative, financial, or governmental sectors. The event promises to be ground-breaking, academically, but we want to also welcome policymakers and global players representatives among the attendees for what promises to be an extremely robust networking opportunity for the international professional. *However, please note that the official language of the conference is English.*

We all know the hurdles the COVID-19 pandemic has been causing worldwide. Nevertheless, the good news is the European Union travel bans have been released and the zone has re-opened to internal and to selective intercontinental flights. Therefore, as of today, EU participants and some non-EU participants might not have problems to enter Italy and join the conference venue in Ischia. On the other hand, unfortunately, the EU is still imposing travel restrictions to countries that have been severely hit by the Coronavirus outbreak. This is the case of Brazil, but not only. WCSA is very sensitive to the problem. Scholars from affected countries represent not only an important group among WCSA members and friends, but also are highly relevant to WCSA social and academic life. For more information on the EU travel



and transportation rules during the COVID-19 pandemic, please see: https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response/travel-and-transportation-during-coronavirus-pandemic_en.

Taking into account these particular circumstances, WCSA board responded to the threats the COVID-19 pandemic was posing to the realization of the 9th Conference in Ischia by shifting the in presence conference into a blended conference. This means the conference program will be carried out both physically (in Ischia) and virtually (online) through three different modes of participation:

1. **Live event, in presence**
2. **Live event, online, Zoom platform**
3. **Asynchronous communication, online, YouTube video presentations**

Accordingly, we would like to reaffirm the 9th WCSA Blended Conference will take place as previously scheduled from November 3rd to November 5th 2020. The final program will be shaped in response to the participation mode appointed by the Keynote speakers and authors. A detailed program covering the presentations, participation mode and time slots will be made available in the second half of October (October 25th, 2020) on the WCSA web portal (www.wcsaglobal.org).

The basic rule of asynchronous presentation method is that presenters/authors will have to prepare a YouTube video presentation and send the link to info@wcsaglobal.com. Further, the video presentation and the PowerPoint presentation will be uploaded to the WCSA web portal. **For a regular paper, WCSA expects to receive an approximately 15-minute video presentation.** You can find more information on how to prepare and upload a YouTube video presentation on: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpS_QbUyag&feature=youtu.be

The critical deadlines for participating in the Conference are:

1. **Panel Proposals and Full Papers Submission: deadline October 3rd, 2020 (all participants)**
2. **Acceptance/Rejection feedback: October 5th, 2020 (Panel Proposal)**
3. **Confirming your participation and indicating your mode of participation. Payment of the Membership and Conference fees: deadline October 10th, 2020**
4. **Sending your YouTube video presentation (in the case of asynchronous participation): deadline October 20th, 2020**



For payment information, please see section seven.

Please consider that WCSA always follows up its conferences with prestigious academic publications and take the chance to become a co-author in one of them!

We hope the solutions presented to you today may allow you to become a protagonist in the 9th WCSA Blended Conference and WCSA follow-up publications!

SECTION TWO: THE WCSA CONFERENCE MANIFESTO

Gegnet is a German theoretical concept meaning limitless opening to the possible. The current global economic context of worldwide business and direct foreign investment is comprised of a decreasing number of huge players named Global Players (GP), such as the European Union (EU), the United States (US), the MERCOSUR, the United African Market, along with Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS). It radically redesigns also the public policies and their scale about digitalization, intangible asset portfolio creation (e.g. patents, licenses, trademarks, copyrights), taxation, public expenditures, international trade regulations and much more. The aforementioned Global Players are already interconnected by digital technological convergence, international treaties and legal transplants: (e.g.) CETA, NAFTA, MERCOSUR, WHO, WTO, OECD, UN, ILO, WIPO, African Union. So, the linkages among Canada, the US, and Mexico under NAFTA; the EU under the CETA, and the South countries in Latin America under the MERCOSUR are shaping a legislative fabric where free trade, technological standardization, and shared human rights policies are converging towards congruence. The emerging key challenge is enormous and evolutionary, particularly for those who are responsible and in power of direct foreign investment flows. For instance, the recent treaty between the EU and Japan is a fine piece of evidence for the argument of international technological and legal convergence. To sum up, the network of treaties wrapping up our planet is shaping a spiral convergent trend, pushing forward the shift from international to supranational lawmaking through the setting up of a transnational agenda for global governance and policy modelling. The internal differentiation of the law system is creating different types of Global Players, more or less improving the complexity and variety inside the law system, which are the keys of evolutionary systems. Law convergence among Global Players is strategic in this changing scenario and the Mediterranean area reveals to be a special hub between Europe and Africa, while Southern EU at large is also a special hub with Central - South America. These hubs are offering variety in a huge catalogue for law shopping from Spain to Malta, from Portugal to Brazil, from Cyprus to the redesigning of the North Africa and - driving further - the emergent East African Federation. The key evolutionary challenge and paramount goal of the WCSA Conference is to be the host for innovative lawmaking/policy modelling, legislative implementation, institutional redesign, and economic development also by citizenship expansion. We will work on shaping a triple helix of (1) legislative design, (2) free-trade alignment, and (3) digital standardization.



SECTION THREE: THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Rudy Arenoudt, Chief Economist at the European Commission, Brussels, Belgium
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SECTION SEVEN: HOW TO SUBMIT A PANEL PROPOSAL OR A PAPER PROPOSAL

In case you wish you submit a PANEL PROPOSAL, thus serving as a Panel proponent (Pp), you should submit a file including: The Pp Name, Last Name, Academic Affiliation, Title and Abstract (Maximum 600 Words) of the whole Panel, a list of 5 to 8 presentation titles and abstracts (maximum 400 words each) presented by one to three co-authoring scholars (the Pp can submit just once), email contact.

In case you wish to submit a PAPER PROPOSAL, you should submit a file including: Name, Last Name, Academic Affiliation, Presentation Title, Presentation abstract (max. 400 words), your email

The submission of Panel proposal or Paper proposal is in care of the proponent and s/he can submit it to wcsaconferences@gmail.com. In the email subject please specify: 9th WCSA CONFERENCE SUBMISSION

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: October 3rd 2020

Authors which abstracts have been accepted are invited to present their work during the WCSA Conference. May they want TO PUBLISH their contribution in one of the WCSA Conference Publication output, they MUST submit the **FULL PAPER** by email to WCSA (wcsaconferences@gmail.com) **before the 3rd October 2020**.



Accordingly, the Conference Fees (including WCSA Membership Fee) are hereby established as:

- ✓ Senior Scholar/Professional Rank (Full Professor/Associate Professor/Executive): 260 Euro (100 euro membership fee +160 conference fee)
- ✓ Junior Scholar/Professional Rank (Assistant/Middle Management/postdoc/PhD students): 200 Euro (50 euro membership fee + 150 conference fee)
- ✓ Virtual Presentation by Zoom/Skype videoconference (to be conducted virtually): 160 Euro (euro membership fee with no distinction for the academic rank 60 euro conference fee)
- ✓ Attendance at the Conference as an Auditor: 120 Euro (100 euro membership fee, independently from the academic rank, + 20 euro conference fee)

In order to make timely payment, please assure your payment arrives to WCSA **BY October 10th 2020**, using one of the two payment methods:

Wire Transfer to WCSA bank account in Italy

WCSA IBAN CODE: IT 55 X 03075 02200 CC8500825766

BANCA GENERALI, Pescara, Italy

For foreign bank transfer

BIC or SWIFT: BGENIT2T

PayPal Transfer

WCSA will send you an e-mail providing the link to proceed with the payment.

Please note that by choosing PayPal, **an additional PayPal service fee of 15 euro** may be added to the original amount of the conference fee.

Refund Policy

All cancellations by the participants must be sent in writing to WCSA to the e-mail address wcsaconferences@gmail.com.

cancellations received between 4th September 2020 and 3rd October 2020 will be refunded 25% of the Conference fee paid; no-shows will not be refunded. Membership fee is not refundable and the annual membership is guaranteed to the participant.

Furthermore, for those participants unable to attend the Conference will not be refunded by WCSA if the request of cancellation is received by WCSA as of 4th October 2020.

In case of cancellation of the conference for causes of force majeure depending any level of the Italian State or on international or supranational organizations Italy belongs to (WHO or the European Union for example) no refund to conference participants is due.



SECTION EIGHT: THE WCSA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

This is our 9th Global Conference. The previous eight conferences have generated several noteworthy proceedings:

BOLOGNA: <http://www.aracneeditrice.it/index.php/pubblicazione.html?item=9788854842700>

PALERMO: <http://www.aracneeditrice.it/index.php/pubblicazione.html?item=9788854848513>

VIENNA: <https://www.amazon.it/Mapping-Systemic-Knowledge-Giulia-Mancini/dp/3659490261>

TENERIFE: <http://www.cambridgescholars.com/redesigning-worldwide-connections>

BUDAPEST: <http://www.cambridgescholars.com/inventing-the-future-in-an-age-of-contingency>

AMSTERDAM: <http://www.cambridgescholars.com/systemic-actions-in-complex-scenarios>

RIO DE JANEIRO: <http://www.cambridgescholars.com/governing-turbulence-risk-and-opportunities-in-the-complexity-age>

ROME will have three (3) publication outcomes. As for today two of them already appeared:

- I. the 76th issue of the Central European Political Science Review. See: <http://www.wcsaglobal.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CEPSR-76.pdf>
- II. the 3/19 issue of the Rivista Trimestrale di Scienza dell'Amministrazione. See: <http://www.rtsa.eu/index.html>

These two special issue are a very prestigious outcome of the research, debating, policy agenda setting following up the 8th World Complexity Science Academy (WCSA) conference held at the European Parliament Office in Rome.

III. The third one is the book Digitalization, Economic Development and Social Equality <https://www.amazon.com/Digitalization-Economic-Development-Equality-Complexity/dp/1527549763> for our WCSA BOOK SERIES. See: <http://www.wcsaglobal.org/book-series-cambridge/>.

Hoping to see you at our next conference in Ischia, I remain sincerely yours,

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