

TOPICS OF INTERESTS

Theoretical, methodological and empirical contributions are solicited in (but not limited to) the following topical areas:

- Measuring sustainable development: Sustainability performance indicators (environmental, social and/or economic) and measurement systems
- Tools for analyzing different aspects of sustainable development
- Analyzing drivers of and barriers to the sustainable development with different time scales and spatial coverages
- The trade-offs and synergies between different aspects and dimensions of sustainable development (ecologic, economic, social and cultural)
- Integrated policy planning
- Sustainable business and corporate responsibility
- Sectoral and cross-sectoral approaches to sustainability
- Multi-level governance and legal aspects of sustainable development, e.g. in EU context
- Policy recommendations and suggestions for decision-making in terms of sustainability
- Specific case studies
- Sustainability in the future: applications/case studies of futures studies and foresight
- Sustainable futures in North-South perspective

ORGANIZERS

Conference is organized by Finland Futures Research Centre and Finland Futures Academy at University of Turku.



The Conference will be the final conference of SMILE project (Synergies in Multi-scale Inter-Linkages of Eco-social systems), which has been funded by EU 7th Framework Programme.

The consortium of SMILE project is formed by various research organizations focusing on the different dimensions of sustainability: Finland Futures Research Centre, University of Turku (coordinator), Parthenope University of Naples (Italy), Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain), Free University of Amsterdam (Netherlands), Institute for Economic Forecasting (Romania), The Macaulay Land Use Research Institute (UK) and Statistics Finland.

Further information about the SMILE-project:
www.smile-fp7.eu



www.futuresconference.fi/2011

TRENDS AND FUTURE OF
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
9–10 June 2011, Tampere, Finland

The 13th International Conference organized by Finland Futures Research Centre and Finland Futures Academy at University of Turku will deal with the different dimensions of a sustainable future.

Sustainable development is an actual theme on local, regional and global scales and requires multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral cooperation. Environmentally, socially and economically sustainable development can only be achieved by encouraging knowledge sharing and cooperation between various sectors and decision makers. The decision made today shapes our future.

The methods of futures studies include tools for describing possible, probable and desirable variations of the present and drafting possible images of the future. By looking at the variety of different possibilities, we can come closer to shaping the future – rather than predicting it. Future studies offer valuable tools to understand and shape the development of our societies.

This conference aims to bring together the best experts from the fields of Futures Studies and Sustainable Development and let the scientific community to interact with policymakers and representatives of companies. By developing images of alternative futures, the goal of the conference is to give new viewpoints and novel ideas to decision-makers to assist them towards more feasible decisions and a sustainable development.

KEY AUDIENCES

- Academics and researchers interested in future studies and various aspects of sustainable development
- Research and Development Managers
- Representatives of governmental and municipal organizations
- Strategic planners

KEYNOTE LECTURERS

The confirmed Keynote lecturers so far are: **Prof. Richard Aspinall** (The Macaulay Land Use Research Institute, UK), **Prof. Peter Nijkamp** (Free University Amsterdam, The Netherlands) and **Prof. Alan Warde** (University of Manchester, UK). All in all we will invite

5 Keynote lecturers.

In addition, we will hear the State of Finland's greetings from the Permanent Secretary, Ms. **Hannele Pokka** (Ministry of the Environment). And also we will have an expert panel chaired by **Prof. Markku Wilenius** (Finland Futures Research Centre) and consisting among others of **Prof. Em. Pentti Malaska** (Finland Futures Research Centre), **Prof. Mario Giampietro** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain), **Prof. Sergio Ulgiati** (Parthenope University of Naples, Italy) and **Mr. Oras Tynkkynen** (Member of the Finnish Parliament).

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers will be reviewed by their abstracts (max. 200 words). Abstracts should contain paper title and the body of the paper, with author names, affiliations and contact information.

Consistent with standard practice, each submitted paper will receive a minimum of three reviews. Scientific board that will evaluate the abstracts is formed by **Prof. Richard Aspinall**, **Prof. Mario Giampietro**, **Prof. Jyrki Luukkanen**, **Prof. Peter Nijkamp**, **Prof. Sergio Ulgiati** and **Dr. Jarmo Vehmas**.

Final papers should be original, unpublished and not more than ten single-spaced pages with minimum font size of 12 pt. Papers should be submitted in .doc or .rtf format, and should only contain the paper title and the body of the paper, with author names and affiliations. Final papers should be sent to the conference secretariat (conference2011@tse.fi) one week before the conference.

All accepted conference papers will be published in the conference proceedings. A selection of these papers will be published as a special issue of the International Journal Progress in Industrial Ecology (PIE) following the journal's usual review procedure. Some of the papers may also be published in Finland Futures Research Centre's publication series. The official conference language for all papers and presentations is English.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Deadline for abstracts: January 15, 2011

Notification of acceptance: February 15, 2011

Deadline for full papers: May 20, 2011

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference will be held at the University of Tampere. The main campus of the University of Tampere is close to the Tampere city centre, some ten minutes' walk from the railway station. Further information: www.uta.fi.

REGISTRATION FEE

Conference Fees	Standard Fee until March 31, 2011	Late Fee from April 1, 2011
Full Fee	400 euros	500 euros
Reduced Fee Graduates and post-graduates	150 euros	250 euros

Registration fee includes: sessions and workshops, conference materials, all lectures, lunches and refreshments on both days, evening event (VAT 0 %).

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have questions concerning the scientific program or any other matter, please send an email to: conference2011@tse.fi

or visit the conference web pages at:

www.futuresconference.fi/2011

REGISTRATION, ACCOMODATION, PAYMENTS AND OTHER PRACTICAL ISSUES

Online registration system at the conference web page is operated by TAVI Congress Bureau. If you have any questions concerning the registration form or procedure, please contact:

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