



WINIR Young Scholars Pre-Conference Workshop

Technology and Institutional Change

University of Catania, Sicily, Italy

19 September 2023

Technological development has become a driving force in shaping and transforming societies, revolutionizing their structures, processes, and governance mechanisms. The **complex dynamics between technology and institutional change**, and the social, economic, legal, political, and ethical **challenges and opportunities** associated with the transformative power of technology, constitute vital areas of interdisciplinary research, involving economics, geography, law, sociology, philosophy, politics, among other disciplines.

A **workshop for young scholars** exploring these topics will be held on 19 September 2023. It will precede the [WINIR Conference on Institutional Innovation & Evolution](#), which will be held on 20-23 September 2023. Both events will take place at the spectacular late Baroque [Monastero dei Benedettini](#).

Young scholars currently enrolled on a PhD or doctoral research program in any relevant discipline are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will be invited to present their research to a supportive audience of peers and senior scholars and receive constructive conceptual and methodological critique, and will be granted **free admission (including hospitality) to the main WINIR Conference**.

A limited number of **partial travel stipends** and **shared accommodation** for the duration of the pre-conference and main conference will be awarded to selected participants, thanks for funding generously provided by INET's **Young Scholars Initiative**.

Application process

Applicants are requested to complete the online [submission form](#), stating whether a travel stipend and shared accommodation are required, and upload:

- (1) An **abstract of no more than 400 words** highlighting the main **research question(s)** in connection with one of the **priority themes for institutional research** identified [here](#). Abstracts should make explicit reference to concepts and theories related to the study of institutions and include **3-5 keywords**, as well as a **one-paragraph bio** specifying the applicant's discipline and university.
- (2) An up-to-date **CV**.

The above should be submitted as **PDFs** labelled *LastName.FirstName.AbstractBio.pdf* and *LastName.FirstName.CV.pdf*.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to youngscholars@winir.org.

Key dates

30 June 2023: abstract submission deadline

14 July 2023: notifications of acceptance

18 August 2023: final papers due

About WINIR Young Scholars

[WINIR Young Scholars \(WYS\)](#) aims to identify and promote the next generation of institutional scholars from diverse geographies, sociocultural contexts and disciplines. Its major activities are directed towards creating an inclusive and supportive space for young scholars to receive guidance and mentorship in their journey toward establishing themselves as knowledge creators and navigating the academic job market.

WYS is a collaboration between the [World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research](#) (WINIR), the [Law as Science Project](#), and the [Young Scholars Initiative](#) (YSI) of the Institute for New Economic Thinking.

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