

Pursuing the UN SDGs

– a game changer for construction economics and organisation?



Themes

United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are gaining widespread attention across societal sectors. Governments are introducing new regulatory initiatives. Sustainable certification schemes are gaining momentum. Client organisations are incorporating SDGs in their procurement policies. Businesses are reformulating business models and strategies. Civil society's call for action are epitomised through e.g. Greta Thunberg. Research and development organisations are starting developing new knowledge and technologies for a more sustainable future. This development is taking place against the backdrop of growing societal complexity and systemic interdependence. Solutions to development challenges are increasingly relying on partnerships between disparate actors and actions across scales and levels.

We would like to invite authors to contribute to sustainable action by addressing the overall question of how this development challenges current understandings of construction economics and organisation and how our research can contribute to reaching the goals.

Questions that may be considered are:

- What role can construction economics and organisation play in building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and fostering innovation?

- How can construction economics and organisation contribute to maintaining decent work in the face of increased globalisation of labour?
- How do we ensure that continued economic growth does not deplete our natural resources and contribute to increased waste?
- How can construction economics and organisation positively influence societal inclusion and equality?

We welcome contributions on (but not limited to) the following topics:

- Circular economy – new emerging business models in construction
- Sustainable construction projects – holistic management
- Changes in building regulations – responding to new framework conditions
- (New) voices in construction – incorporating critical consumers and stakeholders
- Improving labour conditions – rethinking the relationship between managers and workforce.

All contributions shall explicitly relate to one or more of the Sustainable Development Goals and discuss how the particular study may contribute to a change in understanding and practices of construction management and economics. Facts and figures, targets and related resources on each of the 17 UN SDGs can be found here: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

Important dates

First draft submission: 30 September 2020
Comments from reviewers: 31 October 2020
Second draft submission: 30 November 2020
Comments from reviewers: 31 December 2020
Camera-ready version: 31 January 2021

Information on submission and abstract

We have decided to try something new and skip the official abstract submission. Instead, we receive full papers (max 10 pages following standard template found at www.creon-net.org) for initial submission 30 September 2020 and re-submission after review 30 November 2020. Authors are still welcome to forward abstracts (maximum of 300 words) to the organisers for initial screening before full paper submission.

Conference dates

17 May 2021 PhD workshop
18-19 May 2021 Conference

Venue

Aalborg University, Copenhagen, Denmark

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