

6th International Conference on **RETHINKING CLUSTERS 2023:**

THE PARADOX OF SUSTAINABILITY INNOVATION: LOCAL OR GLOBAL?

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The sixth edition of the international conference “Rethinking clusters” will be **in-person** in the sunny and Mediterranean Valencia, named the *World's Best City to Live by Forbes* (in here: <https://www.internations.org/expat-insider/2022/best-worst-cities-for-expats-40327>).

We would like researchers' contributions on the general topics of *Innovation in Places*, enhancing when possible the constructs of clusters, industrial districts and regions. Being innovation in space the leitmotiv of the Conference, we like to discuss new trends based on Sustainability, Circular Economy, Artificial Intelligence, Networks, and the importance of place for innovation and development.

We welcome contributions that are related, but not limited, to the following themes:

1. The competitiveness of industrial districts, clusters, regions, and ecosystems
2. Artificial intelligence, big data, block-chain, and Industry 4.0 in firms and places
3. Place-sensitive industrial policies and value creation for firms and territories
4. The local/global dimension of multiple innovation networks
5. The role of culture and creativity in evolutionary trajectories of places
6. Blending strategic concepts and territories: how firms activate firm-level strategies in places.
7. Modes of innovation and territories: blending micro- and meso-levels.
8. Innovation policymakers: rethinking their role.

9. SMEs, place and innovation
10. Innovation, social inclusion, SDGs and territories: frameworks and real cases.

We encourage submissions from scholars, practitioners, innovators and leaders who are forging ahead with strategies to shift towards the resilience of places. We welcome contributions that develop innovative approaches in concepts, theory, methods or analysis and have deep or broad implications to inform place sensitive strategies for developing firms, places and their interplay.

Organizational matters

Interested contributors are invited to send an **extended abstract or a full paper** to the email address info@rethinkingclusters.org by **June 1st, 2023**.

Extended abstracts should contain a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 2500 words. Extended abstracts can contain figures, tables and/or images which are not included in the word count.

Full papers (optional) should not exceed 8000 words, inclusive of the abstract (maximum 150 words), tables, references, figure captions, endnotes. Full papers will be circulated among participants.

Members of the community that are willing to organize a **Special Session** within the workshop are kindly invited to send an email to info@rethinkingclusters.org before **May, 1st**, including a description of the contents of the session and a list of the participants. The acceptance of the extended abstracts/full papers will be announced by **June 24th, 2023**.

Registration and fee. Registration is about **165 Euros**, including the Conference, materials, Key Notes, coffee breaks, Paella show cooking (real and best!) and Great Gala Dinner. Only the Abstracts will be published in an ISBN Conference proceedings.

Local organizers:

Coordinators: Jose-Luis Hervas-Oliver and Rafael Boix Domènech.

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Important dates

Submission deadline:	June 1 st , 2023
Notification of acceptance:	June 24 th , 2023
Registration deadline (for presenters):	September, 5 th , 2023
Conference:	September, 28-29th, 2023

Publication opportunities

We believe that the dissemination of topics and discussions of Rethinking Clusters are valuable to the academic community and policy makers. For this reason, we are organizing special issues on a selection of journals (Scopus and WOS-Clarivate) and edited books for international publishers (Routledge, Springer, etc.), where to offer publication opportunities to a selection of papers.

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VISIT THE WEBSITE (updated at the end of January):

<https://www.rethinkingclusters.org/>



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