



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT A TWO-DAY WORKSHOP IN PRATO, ITALY 24-25 JUNE 2020

MONASH BUSINESS SCHOOL WILL BE HOSTING THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MONASH BUSINESS AND SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT THE MONASH UNIVERSITY PRATO CENTRE (NEAR FLORENCE, ITALY) ON 24-25 JUNE 2020.

Monash University is the Australia/Pacific regional hub of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

The goal of this workshop, building on previous successful workshops in Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur and Prato, is to make research connections between academics at Monash Business School and international researchers and practitioners. It aims to stimulate new ideas, deepen existing research relationships, and explore further opportunities for mutually beneficial interaction and collaboration. The workshop will bring together a core group of Monash scholars across a range of academic disciplines in business and economics and a select group of researchers and practitioners from around the world.

Each day will start with a plenary session with either a keynote presentation or a panel discussion session on major current issues and challenges in sustainable development and organisational sustainability. Following this, the Business and

Economics Streams will run in parallel where invited researchers and practitioners will present their papers and have further discussions on relevant topics.

The Business Stream will focus on three key topics: climate change, business sustainability and circular economy. The recent bushfires in Australia has highlighted globally the devastation caused by climate change and the impact natural disasters can have on communities, businesses and their supply chains. The need to create a circular economy is greater than ever before in history. We invite presentations on these three topics and how we as a global community can work together to address our biggest challenges. Over the past two years, individuals from Australia and The Netherlands have held a number of meetings discussing issues relating to Global Value Chains and Circular Economy. At the workshop this year in Prato, these discussions will continue and we will formally launch the Australia-Netherlands Circular Economy Research Network.

The Economics Stream will feature a Keynote by Professor Francisco Ferreira, Senior Adviser in the World Bank's Development Research Group and the inaugural Amartya Sen Chair in Inequalities Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science. There will be a number of invited speakers presenting at the thematic sessions which will feature presentations of research papers on a range of development and sustainability topics including energy, environment, food security, economic and social inclusion and governance. We invite submissions on issues related to economic development and sustainability.

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