1ˢᵗ International Youth Conference on Social and Economic Studies

Organized by *Universum International College (Kosovo)* and *Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara (Mexico)*

Conference Theme: Sustainable Futures: The Nexus Between Sustainable Economic Development and Environmental Protection

May 14-15, 2024, Prishtina – Kosovo
14ᵗʰ of May – Social Studies | 15ᵗʰ of May – Health related fields

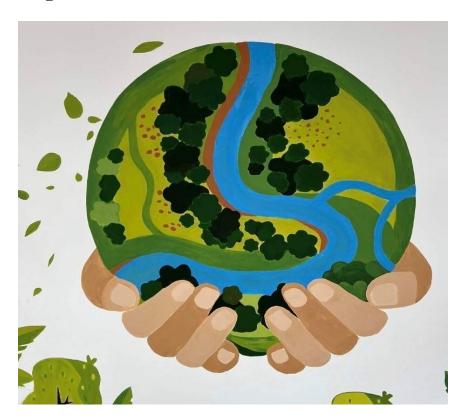**Prishtinë, 2024 and online**

Call for Papers

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I.   General Information about the Conference

1.1 Introduction

The International Youth Conference on Social and Economic Studies shall take place on 14 and 15 of May 2024 at UNI - Universum International College in Prishtina, Kosovo, and online for international participants. It will be organized in two streams, covering social and healthcare studies. The theme of this conference is Sustainable Futures: The Nexus between Sustainable Economic Development and Environmental Protection.

1.2 Objective of the Conference

In a world where the urgent need for economic development and the protection of the environment is becoming increasingly apparent, the conference seeks to focus on these two imperative concerns. The fundamental concept and objective of this conference revolve around introducing innovative concepts and policies for the conservation and development of the environment. These ideas will have a dual impact, influencing national economic development but also in determining our collective future on Earth. As a result, the conference aims to create a forum for students all over the world, from different academic fields of economics, law, business, social science, IT, and healthcare, among others, to exchange and present their papers.

1.3 Topics

We welcome papers, both theoretical and empirical, on topics in any field of economics, management and business, law and justice, political science, computer science, and health related science. Topics are focused on concepts and policies for the protection of the environment and its relation to sustainable economic development, including possibilities and challenges for contemporary society. **All students must include at least one SDG in their papers.**

First day – 14ᵗʰ of May 2024

- Challenges of Sustainable Economic Development in the Era of AI: Economic Growth, Inequality, and Poverty

- The Role of Environmental Protection as a Means to Alleviate Poverty

- Circular Economy: Waste Reduction and Resource Efficiency

- Renewable Energy and European Union Policies

Second day –15ᵗʰ of May 2024

- Public Health and Economic Productivity

- Environmental Protection: Strategies and Global Perspectives

- Sustainability: Energy and Water Conservation Policies

1.4 Committee Members:

Universum International College:

- Prof. Ass. Dr. Valon Murati

- Prof. Ass. Dr. Sokol Loci

- Prof. Ass. Dr. Donjeta Zejnullahu-Pllana

- Prof. Ass. MSc. Tevide Shabani

- Prof. Ass. Riaz Agahi PhD

The Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara:

- José Alejandro Jaime Vargas

- Lina Maria Aguilar Lobo

- María Guadalupe Zavala Cerna

- Dulce Esmeralda García Ruiz

- Efrén Aguilar Garnica

1.5 Venue

The conference will be held in a hybrid format, allowing students to present their papers either in person at UNI- Universum International College, (location: Magjistralja Prishtine - Ferizaj, rrethi QMI Lipjan XK, 14000), and virtually by presenting their work online.

1.6 Submission Guidelines

Students can submit either individual work or group work. In a group, up to three to five students are allowed to present. Each paper, whether individually done or in groups, must have one mentor (a faculty member/staff from their Home Institution).

Full submitted papers must be in English, not more than 20 pages, including references with title of the paper, authors' full name/s, and institutional e-mail addresses. Further information about submission guidelines can be found in the next pages of this document.

To register for the conference, please fill the registration form below: https://shorturl.at/cfBYZ

Prospective students shall submit their papers to: studentconference@universum-ks.org

1.7 Important dates

Activity	Time
Conference Registration Deadline (Participants and Presenters)	February 15, 2024
Deadline for Paper Submission	April 15, 2024
Notification of Paper Acceptance	April 25, 2024
Deadline for Presentation Submission	May 6, 2024
Conference Dates:	May 14 and 15, 2024
Publication of Conference Proceedings:	August 4, 2024

1.8 Registration Fee

No fee is applicable for this conference.

II. Instructions, Selection and Paper Submission

2.1 Table of Contents

All papers must adhere to a defined structure with the following components: Introduction, Literature Review, Methodology, Discussion and Results, Conclusion and Bibliography.

2.1.1 Introduction

An introduction section of 1-3 pages should highlight the significance and scale of the problem which the research project aims to address. Where applicable, a brief survey of other approaches and their strengths and shortcomings should be included to provide context. The authors should also include in this section details of the specific aims and objectives of their research project and how it addresses gaps in the current knowledge in the field. The research question and hypotheses should also be introduced.

2.1.2 Literature Review

Students are expected to provide an overview of existing research on the topic, including a summary and critical analysis of the literature, encompassing various theoretical concepts and empirical studies.

Each paper must incorporate a minimum of 12 credible, relevant, and recent (last five years) sources in this section. They must be the same as in the bibliography.

2.1.3 Methodology

In the methodology section, students should explain how the research will be conducted, providing information on the data collection and analysis. The methods section should provide sufficient data for a reader unfamiliar with the project to understand the results.

There are no limitations on the choice of research methodology. Students may choose qualitative, quantitative or mixed-methods approaches. Review articles will also be considered. There are also no constraints regarding the amount of data to be used in a paper or any specific aspects associated with a particular research method.

2.1.4 Results and Discussion

In this section, the students present the findings of the research. Notable findings, including those related to the key research questions, and other significant or unexpected results should be pointed out here. Non-textual elements, such as tables, figures or other graphics are strongly encouraged in this section and must be referenced in the text. Non-textual elements should appear directly. underneath the paragraph where they are first cited.

2.1.5 Discussion

This section relates students' findings to their research questions, hypotheses, and previous literature, highlighting implications and limitations of the study. Notable results, primarily those which contribute towards answering the research question, should be discussed and interpreted in light of the hypotheses and the existing body of knowledge in the field, including but not limited to the articles cited in the literature review section. It is not necessary in the discussion section to comment on every result obtained, but only those germane to the research question, or other significant results which may warrant further investigation. Within this section, students should also identify how future research can further emphasize understanding of the problem, and how policy and innovation can impact their result.

2.1.6 Conclusion, Limitations and Recommendation:

In the conclusion, students will reaffirm their hypotheses or research questions, restate the significance of their papers and summarize the key points of their argument. Limitations of the study will be explained and recommendations for further studies will be listed based upon their findings. They will also explain why their study is relevant for the main theme of the conference, with reference to one or more specific SDGs.

2.1.7 Bibliography:

Students are required to list all the sources used in their papers, referencing books, journals, articles, newspapers, and other sources following the APA 7th edition guidelines. As stated in point 2.1.2, there must be, at least, 12 credible, relevant and recent sources.

2.2 Types of Works

Two types of works are admitted in the Conference: Papers and Bachelor or Master Thesis.

'Paper' is considered the original research work, having completed all its phases.

'Bachelor or Master Thesis' is considered the original research work, completed or not, in which the authors look for a different interaction with the participants to the Conference.

2.3 Review and evaluation of work:

- For each Paper, or Bachelor/Master Thesis submitted, students must fill in the form "Call for Paper - Registration" that appears on the web page. All the identification data must be completed.
- Committee members are responsible for reviewing the submitted papers to assess their quality, relevance and adherence to submissions guidelines.
- Committee members have the right to reject any paper that is not in accordance with the requirements.
- If any paper is found to be plagiarized in any way, upon relevant investigation and review by the committee members, the paper will be immediately rejected and disqualified from this conference.
- The Committee will have 10 days to review the students' papers after the submission deadline. Students will be informed about the decision by email.

2.4 Publication in the Conference Proceedings

Once the papers have been accepted, students can decide whether they want their papers to be published in the Book of Conference Proceedings with ISBN. Students can make this choice through the "Call for Paper – Registration form".

2.5 Paper Submission Guidelines

- The submission of the paper will be done by email to: studentconference@universum-ks.org.
- Full Paper is limited to 15-20 pages normally, including all figures, tables, and references. No more pages will be allowed.
- Failure to follow the rules implies rejection of the work presented.

2.6 Documentation to be submitted

- The files will be written in Microsoft Word format (version 2003 or higher). The images, tables and figures must be inserted in the Word document in their corresponding place.

- Please save the paper with: "Name_Lastname Type of Work" (e.x. John_Smith_Bachelor/ Master Thesis; or Jane_Smith_Paper).

2.7 Language

Students should submit their full papers in English.

2.8 Writing Guidelines

Maximum extension	For papers and bachelor/master thesis: 15-20 A4 pages including text, tables, graphics, appendices and bibliographical references (cover included).
Margins and line spacing	All margins of 2.50 cm. Recommended 1.5 spacing. Source: Times New Roman, 12 pt.
Keywords:	From 3 to 7 identifiers.
References:	Use APA 7th edition format.

III. Presentation Instructions - Presenting the paper

3.1 Guidelines for presenting papers and work in progress

Here are some general guidelines that may be useful to prepare your presentation:

- Try to be in the venue or the virtual room where the session is going to take place approximately 10 minutes before the start time of the session.
- The format of your presentation should be in Microsoft PowerPoint or web based that is supported by Chrome *(such as Prezi)*. If you are presenting online, make sure your connection to the internet is stable and you are familiar with all the functions required for a smooth presentation such as microphone, camera, screen sharing, etc. For online presenters, the camera must be on at all times during the presentation.
- You can download the presentation from the Internet, but it is better to have it available on a USB stick for those presenting face-to-face. The rooms will have a projector and a computer with a current version of Microsoft Office, PDF document reader, browser and Internet connection enabled. The deadline to submit the presentations via email is one week before the conference, on May 6, 2023. If any speaker has additional needs, please contact: studentconference@universum-ks.org by this deadline.
- For online presentations, all exact information will be available to presenters in due time.
- Note that sessions have limited time and are usually assigned more than one presentation. Each presentation should **not exceed 10 minutes**. Subsequently, the audience and / or the moderator may intervene in the discussion time of each presentation.
- After 10 minutes of presentation, we will allow the panelists 5 minutes to address any questions.

We look forward to receiving your papers! Thank you very much for participating in this impactful initiative.

Sincerely,

Organizing Committee