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Call for Abstracts

Cost-Benefit Analysis and Policy Evaluation for the Next Generation

4th European Conference, Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis

11-12 September 2023

Milano, Italy

The multifaceted long run challenges facing Europe and the world today, and in the years to come, require new and ambitious public policies. At the same time, it is crucial to identify, develop and use sound methods to assess the impact, efficiency and success of these policies.

Against this backdrop, the Conference will focus particularly (but not exclusively) on CBA for policy design and impact evaluation in the following broad areas:

- **Health policies:** what are the lessons learned after the Covid-19 pandemic? Any Covid-related decision, from prevention to cure, from surveillance to data management, involves both benefits and costs. What are the methods to assess ex-ante and evaluate ex-post such health policy decisions?
- **Climate change adaptation:** in order to address climate change adaptation/mitigation and natural environment protection, bold actions are needed now, but the related consequences will be felt for decades, if not centuries, to come. How can economic analysis help model, project and forecast the very long run effects of these actions and the associated high levels of uncertainty?
- **Knowledge creation:** knowledge creation is probably the single most important ingredient of economic growth, and innovation policies try to counteract existing market failures or foster the development and diffusion of new ideas. However, the socio-economic impacts of science, technology and innovation are not yet fully understood nor measured. How can we evaluate the benefits of knowledge creation? How can we understand their spatial and temporal diffusion?
- **Social and territorial cohesion:** during and after economic and social crises, cohesion is at risk, with increasing inequalities and adverse economic effects, unevenly distributed across space and groups. To what extent do public investment decisions (such as, for example, those in smarter cities, better transport and energy networks, human capital) and other public policies deal with the different dimensions of inequality and the consequences of an uneven spatial distribution of economic phenomena?
- **Methodological advances in CBA and policy evaluation:** We also welcome both theoretical and empirical papers on topics such as the social discount rate, stated preferences, risk analysis, behavioral and experimental economics, data science and econometrics of Big Data with potential applications to CBA, and any other topic relevant for CBA and policy evaluation in various fields.

Process

Interested contributors should send an abstract of approximately 400 words, with the indication of a full title, corresponding author and co-authors, affiliations, and 3 keywords.

Papers to be presented at the conference will be selected by the Local Organizing Committee with the advice of an International Scientific Board.

All relevant information regarding the conference, including instructions for abstract submission, will be available at the following web page, which will be constantly updated:

<https://centrejeanmonnet.unimi.it/sbca-2023/>

Keynote Speakers

Ben Groom (*University of Exeter Business School-Dragon Capital Chair in Biodiversity Economics*)

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Important dates

Abstract submission deadline: 15 May 2023

Notification of acceptance: 16 June 2023

Early bird registration deadline: 3 July 2023

Final registration deadline: 14 July 2023

Submission of Abstracts

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