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# Call for Papers

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18 – 20 April 2010

## 10th International Conference on »Current Issues of Sustainable Development – Governance and Institutional Change«

The event is supported by the EU-Interreg IVB (Baltic Sea) project »From theory and plans to eco-efficient and sustainable practices to improve the status of the Baltic Sea« (WATERPRAXIS) which looks at the connections between sustainability and river basin management.

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## Background of the conference

In April 2010, it will already be the tenth time that issues of sustainable development is organised in co-operation with a wide range of European research institutes. Sustainability issues have become so common in many fields of socio-, political- and economic life, that it is often forgotten that it requires new approaches, and a change in rules guiding human activity, ways of thinking and governance structures. In particular the globalising environmental problems, but also increasing inequalities and poverty on a global scale and the instability of unregulated global financial markets show the need for institutional change and changing governance structures. While there exists the need to understand the interactions in institutional change between socio-economic systems, technology and ecosystems, there is a great need to research local governance's capability to direct its sustainable development in a world which seems to become more and more governed by different strong stakeholders who are individually more and more difficult to identify. As institutional environments and structures of governance vary depending on the country or region, different approaches to achieving sustainable development may be required. The general aims of the conference are to discuss and analyse:

- Institutions, Governance, and Sustainable Development in Transition Countries.
- The challenge of global governance in the face of climate change and global poverty.  
Can Europe become sustainable without global sustainability?
- Local governance's capability to achieve sustainable development.
  - Eco-efficiency and sustainable praxis to improve quality and management of the river basin in the Baltic Region.
  - Technology transfer and eco-efficiency for sustainable energy projects.
  - Corporate Social Responsibility and the problem of climate change and energy efficiency.
- Paradigms and the sustainability research agenda. Should research on eco-efficiency and eco-development, when social inequalities increase on a global scale? Do we need to focus on research eco-efficiency and environmental management strengthening the emphasis on increasing output and consumption, or a change in people's mental models?

## Registration for papers and posters

We invite papers and posters of researchers from disciplines involved in issues of governance and sustainable development, e.g. economics, geography, environmental sciences, natural sciences, legal sciences, social sciences. Papers, after positive review, are considered for publication in »Economic and Environmental Studies«, »Transitions«, »Management of Environmental Quality«, an international monograph on »Sustainable Business Development and Markets in East-Central Europe« or »International Journal of Research Trends in Social Sciences (IJORTISS)«.

Scholars wishing to give a presentation at the conference are kindly asked to submit an abstract of their paper in advance. The abstract should be written in English and should point out the general interest of the paper to be presented touching the above named issues. The abstract should include the following details: (1) title of the presentation, (2) name of the authors, organisation, email-address, mailing-address, phone number, (3) keywords, (4) body text (max. 250 words), (5) an approx. 80-word biography on the scientific/ educational background of the author(s).

**Please register and submit the abstract not later than 19 February 2010.  
Full papers are expected by 19 March 2010.**

## Conference fee

The conference fee is PLN 450 (130 euro for non-Polish participants, students (BA, MA) pay half of the fee). This fee covers food, refreshments and conference materials. Accommodation can be arranged separately, based on individual preferences. The fee should be paid by 19 March 2010 into the following account belonging to Opole University:



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## Conference organizer

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Yours sincerely,

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