



1st joint ICSG-IC4R-IGLUS Conference on Smart Cities

Call for papers

Smart City platforms: how to make them contribute to the public interest?

Digitalization is transforming all industries, including the network industries. This is especially the case of urban mobility and energy systems. While digitalization makes these and other infrastructure systems more efficient, it also leads to new intermediating platforms that emerge at the interface between the users and the traditional infrastructure services providers. The latter are typically financed and most often also operated by the public authorities for the public interest. The emergence of these intermediating platforms thus raises the question of how these platforms can be made to also operate for the public interest, also contributing to infrastructure costs.

This 1st *ICSG-IC4R-IGLUS Conference on Smart Cities* aims to:

identify the key challenges of digitalization for urban infrastructure systems

discover various platform solutions for operating urban infrastructure systems

determine possible ways to make digital platforms operate for the public interest, such as incentives, concession tools, regulations, etc.

We encourage contributions that link **different infrastructure sectors**. Contributions utilizing **multidisciplinary as well as interdisciplinary approaches** to regulation are welcome. Papers **linking academia and practice**, as well as policy research papers are particularly encouraged.

The conference is intended for **academics** such as PhD students, PostDocs and assistant/associate/full Professors as well as **academically minded practitioners**.



Conference structure

The format of the joint ICSG-IC4R-IGLUS Conference is quite unique:

Each presenter has 45', which includes 20' of presentation, 10' of qualified feedback and 15' of discussion with the audience (there are only 2 papers per session, guaranteeing high quality discussions);

Feedback will be given by senior professors associated with the Istanbul Center for Regulation and with IGLUS, who are specifically knowledgeable about the topic at hand;

Papers retained for publication will receive additional feedback beyond the Conference.

Timeline

Abstract submission deadline is February 15th 2021. For any issue regarding the submission, please contact Ms Deniz Ece Dalgic / denizdalgic@gmail.com

Notification of acceptance by March 1st 2021;

Submission of the full paper by May 26th 2021; participants who fail to submit a full paper by this deadline will be automatically removed from the program.

Conference Fee

100 EUR – Partial fee waivers for PhD students are available. Please contact Ms. Deniz Ece Dalgic for further information.

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Guidelines for the abstract

600-1000 words

Title of the paper & keywords

Name of the author(s) and full address of the corresponding author

The aim and methodology of the paper

Results obtained or expected

Publication opportunities

Papers will qualify for a fast-track peer-review in the academic Journal *Competition and Regulation in Network Industries*, which is published by SAGE. A summary of the 4-5 best papers will have the chance to be published in a dedicated issue of the *Network Industries Quarterly* in Fall 2021

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