

16th PASCAL International Observatory Conference

Learning and crises: Future-proofing city responses

24-26 October 2022, Tampere University

The PASCAL Observatory is pleased to announce its plans for the 16th PASCAL International Conference to be co-organised and hosted by Tampere University, Finland from 20-22 June 2022. The main theme of the conference is the responses made by cities and regions, and their citizens, in their path to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

It will consider the sorts of transformations that cities and regions have made themselves to adapt to the pandemic with a particular focus on education and lifelong learning, social support, health services and environmental services. These services in turn impact on issues of economic development and well-being at various scales from the individual to the corporate. Therefore, the conference will not only focus on top-down actions, but also the ways in which individuals, pressure groups, NGOs and businesses have shaped developments, and the ways in which changes in services will have long-term effects on the lives of those living in cities and regions.

The PASCAL Observatory and the Tampere University will be inviting scholars, local government officials, advocates and researchers who are actively engaged in ideas, policies and practice that relate to these issues to attend the conference.

Four sub-themes and respective leaders have been identified to help facilitate the conversations the overall theme.

The sub themes are:

- **Organisational learning** – how cities and regions learn to recover
- **Learning in the formal sector** – how schools, colleges and universities have adapted
- **Learning and well-being** – the responses of the health, social services and sports sectors
- **Learning and the environment** – adaptations of urban infrastructure and within the natural environment

The conference aims to create a platform where dialogue between students, researchers, advocates and local government officials, together with representatives from civil society organisations, the academe, and the private sector can occur to advance our knowledge of

how policies and practices associated with recovery from the pandemic can respond to the specific place-based needs.

A call for proposals is available at <https://events.tuni.fi/pascalconference2022/call-for-papers/> with a deadline for abstracts of **6th September 2022**, and full details of the format for submission of abstracts and full papers.

Other Key Dates:

Notification of Paper Acceptance: within two weeks of submission and no later than 20th September 2022

Submission of Full Papers for Conference Proceedings (Optional): 17th October 2022

Final Registration Deadline: 10th October 2022

Arrival no later than 23rd October 2022

Conference: 24th – 26th October 2022

The conference will be held in blended mode with both face-to-face and virtual registration possible.

Confirmed Keynote Speakers are:

Professor Tony Kinder, University of Tampere

Professor Josef Konvitz, Chair of PASCAL Board, University of Glasgow

Professor Roberta Piazza, University of Catania

Professor Vonu Thakuria, Rutgers University

A full programme is available at <https://events.tuni.fi/pascalconference2022/> together with full detail of costs, travel, accommodation and other arrangements.

Conference Co-Chairs:

Professor Jari Stenvall, Tampere University

Professor Michael Osborne, University of Glasgow