

ABIS Colloquium 2023

Navigating Multiple Transitions | 14-15 November 2023, Warsaw

ABIS is excited to welcome you to our 22nd Annual Colloquium. This year's conference theme is "Navigating multiple transitions" and will reflect on the complexities, competing priorities, wicked problems and creative solutions needed to make transitions towards sustainability a reality.

Our world is increasingly riddled with complexity. The resilience of our socio-economic systems and sustainability commitments have been put to test in recent years by, among the others, the COVID-19 pandemic, the war in Ukraine and the energy and cost-of-living crises. Transitions that are often thought of as two sides of the same coin present considerable challenges when tackled in practice. While the twin green and digital transitions proposed by the EU ideally reinforce each other, they can also clash as many digital technologies are resource-intensive and generate waste. Accelerating decarbonization is much needed for tackling climate change; at the same time, conserving and restoring biodiversity is essential for limiting emissions and adapting to climate impacts. These transitions need to happen fast, but they also have to happen in a fair and inclusive way.

The multi-faceted challenges facing the global community necessitate a deep reflection and meaningful action. How do we manage these multiple transitions? How do we prioritize conflicting priorities, urgent pressure and long-term ambitions? What kind of future can be created out of these multiple transitions? What are the responsibilities and implications for different stakeholders?

The conference will feature a series of dialogues between policymakers, business leaders and academic experts, as well as roundtables about practical tools, frameworks and best practices.

The conference welcomes:

- Business managers and practitioners
- Academic experts
- Policymakers

who want to enhance action on social and environmental sustainability in a world in transition towards more inclusive, stakeholder and regenerative models. It offers a space where your search and efforts for sustainable transformation approaches meet research-based knowledge and real-world action in a spirit of hope.

Welcome Day | 13 November 2023

13:00 - 15:30	Pre-colloquium activity Fryderyk Chopin Museum in Warsaw + concert
16:00 – 17:00	ABIS Board Meeting
17:15 - 18:30	ABIS Annual General Assembly
18:30 - 19:30	Welcome reception

Day 1 | 14 November 2023

08:30-09:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09:30- 09:40	Welcome speeches
09:40-10:10	Opening Keynote
10:10-11:10	Panel Discussion: Multiple Transitions Compass: Embracing Transformative Approaches Focus: <i>The panel aims to provide a big picture overview on the key developments affecting the practice of business in society and offer a clear vision of the opportunities of adopting transformative approaches.</i>
11:10-11:40	Networking Coffee Break

11:40-13:10	<i>In depth dialogues #1</i> These sessions aim to allow for more focused discussion as well as more direct and active participation of the audience.			
	<i>1. Ethical Transition: Transforming Ethical Challenges in Business</i>	<i>2. ESG Transition: Ensuring Compliance with ESG Regulations Across Businesses</i>	<i>3. DEI Transition: The Evolving Landscape of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion</i>	
13:10-14:10	Networking Lunch			
14:10-15:40	<i>Research presentations (time of presentations can be adjusted to # of presenters)</i> <i>Focus: The number and titles of tracks will depend on the type of contributions we will receive in response to our call for papers open until 15 October 2023.</i>			
	<i>Track 1</i>	<i>Track 2</i>	<i>Track 3</i>	<i>Track</i>
15:40-16:00	Networking Coffee Break			
16:00-17:30	<i>In depth dialogues #2</i> These sessions aim to allow for more focused discussion as well as more direct and active participation of the audience.			
	<i>4. Just Transition: Restoring Biodiversity and Ensure Social Justice</i>	<i>5. Climate Transition: Tackling the Climate Emergency Proactively</i>	<i>6. Food System Transition: Gauging Readiness for the Food System Revolution</i>	
19.30-21.30	<i>Gala Dinner</i>			

Day 2 | 15 November 2023

08:30-09:00	Registration and get together			
09:00-09:05	Welcome speech			
09:05-09:30	Keynote speech <i>Focus: Towards a Decarbonized & Regenerative Economy: Charting the Path Forward (TBD)</i>			
9:30-11:00	Research presentations			
	Track 5	Track 6	Track 7	Track 8
11:00-11:15	Networking break			
11:15-12:30	In depth sessions #3			
	7. Business Model Transition: Making Businesses the Best for the World	8. Financial Transition: Tools for Financing the Sustainable Finance Shift	9. Digital Transition: Ensuring a Responsible Digital Transformation	
12:30-13:25	Closing Plenary: Transformative Education for Sustainability: Shaping the Future of Learning			
13:25-13:30	Closing remarks			
13:30-14:30	Lunch			