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**Alliance for Research on
Corporate Sustainability**

CALL FOR PAPERS – Deadline: January 15, 2021

**Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability
13th Annual Research Conference**

June 21-23, 2021

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We are excited to host and celebrate the 13th annual research conference of the [Alliance for Research on Corporate Sustainability](#) (ARCS), a consortium of universities and individuals that serves as a professional society of scholars studying the interface between business and sustainability. Our annual research conference brings together researchers from a variety of disciplinary and methodological perspectives who seek to advance the state of the field.

The conference welcomes unpublished working papers focused on business and sustainability (both social and environmental) from all disciplines and research areas. Papers drawn from economics, finance, law, operations, organizational theory, political science, psychology and decision making, sociology, strategy and other fields are within the realm of the conference. We are receptive to a wide range of perspectives and methods, including empirical research (quantitative and qualitative), theory development, formal theoretical modeling, and experimental methods. We are particularly interested in papers that have implications for management, organizations and policy.

Examples of suitable topics for the ARCS Conference include non-market strategy, climate change management, sustainability reporting and disclosure, green supply chains, green marketing, sustainable finance, renewable energy investments, business/NGO partnerships, sustainable mobility, social dimensions of sustainability such as inequality, fair wages and working conditions, social and environmental justice, cleantech innovation, green entrepreneurship, sustainable natural resource management, and “base of the pyramid” development strategies.

We especially encourage submissions from junior scholars and scholars new to the field.

In addition to the main program, ARCS will host a Pre-Conference PhD workshop, on June 21. Current PhD students are encouraged to submit papers for the workshop. Students will have the superb opportunity to receive feedback from senior scholars, on their submitted paper, in a roundtable format as well as the opportunity to meet ARCS board members before the official start of the conference. To submit a paper, please [click here](#) and choose the Pre-Conference PhD Workshop track. Further details regarding the workshop schedule will be communicated closer to the event date.

Submission Information: DEADLINE January 15, 2021

Please [click here](#) to submit your papers. The paper submission deadline is January 15, 2021 the program will be announced in February 2021. Additional information is available on the [ARCS website](#).

Submission Guidelines

Submissions to both the Pre-Conference PhD workshop and the main program must be working papers not yet accepted for publication. Papers should be journal-article length and include an abstract. Supplements can be included. You can submit up to two papers total. Ph.D. students will also be asked to upload their most recent CV. The main conference includes two types of sessions, described below. All authors of submissions accepted will be listed in the program. Submitting a paper implies your commitment to review other submissions if asked by the conference committee.

Presentation Slots (30 minutes): These provide presenters the opportunity to present their research and obtain feedback from a highly engaged audience.

Research Sketches (5 minutes): These are short presentations that sketch the presenter's research question and approach and present some central findings, using either no slides or at most two slides. These sketches will enable us all to know a bit more about what participants are working on, and are scheduled to encourage informal discussions during the breaks that follow.

Review Process

Reviews will be double-blind. You must submit papers without names of authors or other identifying information.

Awards

Three types of [awards](#) will be presented at the Conference:

ARCS Best Paper Award and ARCS Outstanding Paper Awards: The Program Committee will select several papers for the *Outstanding Paper Award*, as well as one *Best Paper Award*. These awards will be based on the research paper's potential impact on management practice and rigor of analysis. All submissions will automatically be considered for this award.

ARCS Conference People's Choice Award: Conference attendees will select this award from among presentations and research sketches. This award will be based on individual attendees' own criteria for high impact work.

Conference Location and Contact Information

- Conference Location: [Bocconi University](#), Milan, Italy
- Nearest airports: Milan Linate ([LIN](#)) and Milan Malpensa ([MXP](#))
- Conference Chair: [Dr. Anne Jacqueminet](#), Assistant Professor of Management and Technology and member of the ICRIOS Research Center, Bocconi University, Milan
- For all questions regarding the conference and/or the conference program, please e-mail arcsconference@unibocconi.it

About ARCS

ARCS is a consortium of universities and individuals, and serves as a professional society of scholars studying the interface between business and sustainability. ARCS provides data, tools, and networking opportunities to researchers who are developing a greater understanding of the opportunities and limits of policies and strategies to foster sustainable business.

Faculty members, doctoral students, and researchers from *any* university or academically-oriented institutes and think-tanks are welcome to become ARCS individual members. A one-year individual ARCS membership is included in the conference fee. Individual membership benefits include access to member services and networking opportunities, as well as opportunities to serve on ARCS Working Committees.

For more information, including individual and institutional membership details, click [here](#).

For general information about ARCS, please visit our [website](#).

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***We look forward to receiving your paper submission for the 2021 ARCS Conference!
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