



## **gE.CO Call for Papers**

### **The International Conference of Urban Commons**

As a part of the Horizon 2020 gE.CO Living Lab project (<https://generative-commons.eu/>) the University of Turin is launching a multidisciplinary call for papers on the main aspects and implications of the urban commons phenomena in Europe.

gE.CO Living Lab is a project which aims at promoting and supporting formal groups or informal communities of citizens who manage fab-labs, hubs, incubators, co-creation spaces and social centers which are created in regenerated urban voids. These innovative practices are considered generative commons, because they are based on sharing and collaboration between citizens and establish new partnerships between public institutions and local communities, they set forth new models of governance of these urban spaces based on care, solidarity, inclusion, participation, economic and environmental sustainability.

These practices bear several implications.

Which legal institutions can a community rely on to implement a generative commons? Which tools should be used to ensure citizens' participation and inclusion? Which models of governance best promote the principles at the cornerstone of the theory of the commons? How do urban commons question the institutions of public and private property? What concepts of urban regeneration and inclusion do these practices bring about? What is the impact of this phenomenon on our cities?

The call is open to scholars and researchers of all fields (law, economics, political science, political philosophy, architecture, urbanism, geography, sociology, anthropology, computer studies etc.) and at any stage of their career (PhD students included).

Candidates should submit an abstract on one or more sensitive topics related to one or more issues proper to urban commons, such as:

- Urban commons and the law: practical and theoretical issues.
- Governance of urban commons: models, problems, perspectives, best practices.
- The social and economic impact of urban commons: urban regeneration, anti-gentrification strategies, inclusion of minorities and measurement of social impact.
- Temporary uses and urban commons.
- Technology and urban commons: digital tools for the promotion and management of urban commons, failures and success.

Selected candidates will present their papers at the International Conference of Urban Commons which will be held in June 2021 at the University of Turin, Italy.



Final papers will be published in a dedicated special issue hosted by a renowned international academic journal.

### **Deadlines:**

January 31st 2021: Candidates shall submit their application.

March 1st 2021: Selected candidates are announced and the date of the conference communicated.

May 17th 2021: Selected candidates shall submit a first draft/outline of their final paper, which will be presented at the conference.

June 2021: Conference.

July 31st 2021: Candidates shall submit their final paper for publication.

### **Application Procedure**

To apply, Candidates shall send an email attaching:

- Title
- Abstract (250 words max)
- Key words (maximum 3)
- Curriculum vitae (which should include contact information: name, affiliation, full address, telephone number and email address).

**The deadline for applications is January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, please send to:**

[info@generative-commons.eu](mailto:info@generative-commons.eu)

The application will be evaluated by a Commission composed by the representatives of the Consortium of the gE.CO Project and coordinated by the Department of Law of the University of Turin.