

Call for papers

“ Health in the Anthropocene ”

Workshop, September 9 and 10th, 2024

Department of Economics and Management, University of Florence

Call for papers deadline: June 10th 2024

Notification of acceptance: June 20th

Registration deadline: July 31st

Global health and healthcare are facing several substantial and unprecedented challenges (Lancet, 2020). While a lot of progress has been made in terms of highly preventable risks, high-income countries are facing an aging population, with higher risks related to functional health and non-communicable diseases (NCD) (Murray, Abbafati, et al., 2020). At the same time, middle and low-income countries are witnessing an increase in Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs), also due to pollution and industrialization. Climate change poses an ever increasing and probably the hardest challenge to the progress in global health and well-being, putting at risk many of the improvements and achievements of the last decades, through the increased frequency and severity of weather shocks, that can have devastating impacts on health, including increasing the spread of tropical, as well as impact mental health (Murray, Aravkin, et al., 2020; World Health Organization, 2021, Black et al., 2017; Du et al., 2010; Stanke et al., 2013; Vicedo-Cabrera et al., 2021; Xu et al., 2020; Ebi & Nealon, 2016; Lyon et al., 2017; Charlson et al., 2021; Palinkas & Wong, 2020). Healthcare systems are therefore facing increased pressure everywhere, with many countries still struggling to have adequate systems to face these new needs (Lancet, 2020). Policies should strive to implement preventive measures and interventions, including regulatory ones (Murray, Aravkin, et al., 2020), and support a broad range of innovations. At the same time, as suggested by the responsible health innovation approach (Bessant et al., 2017; Demers-Payette et al., 2016), health innovations need to be purposefully designed to better support health systems. Indeed, especially in countries where there is a low human development index, in the absence of adequate policy measures, innovations tend to increase pressure on human resource skills and responsibilities, and exacerbate service delivery problems (Lehoux et al., 2019)

The workshop will focus on themes related to health and healthcare in the era of the Anthropocene, and the related challenges faced on a global and local scale.

Submissions can include contributions related to access to healthcare and health inequalities, aging populations, global health, innovations in healthcare, health systems and insurance, stakeholder engagement and community health, well-being, and the effects of climate change on human health.

We welcome and encourage submissions with innovative approaches and transdisciplinary collaborations, bringing together different perspectives and disciplines. The workshop will also provide an opportunity for junior researchers (Phd students and early post docs) to gather feedback and suggestions through a dedicated session.

To provide participants with enough time to present and discuss their work, the number of accepted submissions is limited to 21.

Submission must include a long abstract (max 1,500 words).

[CLICK HERE to submit your contribution.](#)

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Preliminary Program:

September 9th

8.30am-9.45 am: Registration and morning coffee

9.45-10.00: Opening and welcome

10.00-12.00: Presentations

12.00-13: Kenyote lecture (Tbd)

13.00-14.30: Lunch

14.30-16.00: Young researchers session

16.00-16.30: Coffee break

16.30-18.00: Presentations

20.00: Social dinner

September 10th

9.00-10.30: Presentations

10.30-11.00: Coffee break

11.00-12.30: Presentations

12.30 -14.00 Lunch

14.30-15.30: Roundtable and closing