



CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

Resilience through Sustainable Entrepreneurship, Digital Solutions and Education: A German-African Conference

March 24th - 26th, 2021

YEEES is an inter- and transdisciplinary project that focusses on Yields of Evocative Entrepreneurial Approaches on Environment and Society (YEEES). We especially elaborate on the resilience of cities and peri-urban areas, while focusing challenges in different areas, e.g., agriculture, health, and transport/mobility. Our project connects universities from Germany (Vechta and Oldenburg) and Southern Africa (Mozambique Namibia and South Africa).

Our research focuses on the combination of entrepreneurship, sustainability and ICT asking, “How can sustainability entrepreneurship based on or using ICT contribute to resilient city and peri-urban area development in Africa and Germany?”

After 3 years of interdisciplinary research, workshops, sustainability camps and exchanges, the YEEES project, funded by the BMBF and DAAD, has come to fruitful and future-oriented outcomes.

Guiding Theme and Further Research

Yet, to widen the knowledge in the field of entrepreneurship, digital solutions, and sustainability and to carve out transformational ways of building resilience at different levels, we call for further research ideas and results. The goal of the YEEES Conference is to offer a space for researchers to present their contributions, exchange ideas and look into further research collaborations.

Tracks

We therefore look forward to contributions on the following topics. Please visit our conference website for further information and track descriptions: <https://yees-conference.org/>

AREAS OF RESEARCH

TRACK I

Resilience through Education

- Innovative Learning Concepts
- Learning through games
- Entrepreneurial Education and ICT
- Digital Solutions in Education
- Edupreneurship

TRACK II

Resilience through Sustainable Entrepreneurship

- Sustainable Entrepreneurship
- Femalepreneurship
- Entrepreneurial Thinking in Education
- Digital Solutions for Start-Ups
- Solutions in Agriculture and Farming
- Tourismpreneurship in Africa

TRACK III

Resilience through Smart Solutions

- Efficient Use of Resources
- Water Management
- Waste Management & Recycling
- Energy Efficiency
- Smart Cities & Smart Communities
- Mobility & Logistic: Infrastructure of the future
- Food Management
- Smart Health

TRACK IV

Resilience through Community Action: lessons from ecovillages for wider societal transition.

In cooperation with:



We invite contributions that relate to the ecovillage principles, as summarised in the Global Ecovillage Network [map of regeneration](#)

- Cultural aspects of resilience and transformation
- Economic principles and systems that promote justice, democratic control and sustainable resource use, and strengthen local communities and economies
- Social organisation at community scale
- Strategies for promoting ecological and social-ecological resilience

TRACK V

Resilience through People

- Mindfulness and psychological factors
- Gender and diversity
- Women entrepreneurship
- Networks and support
- Consumer behavior

TRACK VI: (GENERAL TRACK)

Resilience Strategies in Various Fields

- Governance, Politics & Economy
- Arts, Media & Communications
- Health & Sports
- Digital Transformation
- Tourism

Your contribution will help to spread further research aspects, initiate discussions and establish links to previous research. We are looking forward to interactive approaches and fresh ideas in our conference.

Papers Submission

Contributions are welcome from theoretical, empirical or applied perspectives. The conference will present both fully developed papers as well as work in progress. **Full papers** should not extend the amount of 20 pages. **Work in progress** shall be submitted in the form of an *abstract*, which should not exceed 1,000 words. We also ask to hand in an abstract (of approx. 1,000 words) when handing in a full paper, this will be used for our conference booklet.

Summary:

Full paper – not exceed the amount of 20 pages + abstract of under 1,000 words

Work in progress – abstract of about 1,000 words

Review process

Both full paper and work in progress are peer reviewed. Full paper authors will receive a developmental review from experts selected by the YEEES program committee. The reviewers are selected scientists with great expertise in their research area. In case the paper is accepted, the author qualifies for *20-minute presentation plus a 10-minute discussion*. All full papers get the chance to be awarded with a best paper award and/ or to be selected for one of the books connected to the conference (see details below).

Submission requirements:

Papers must be submitted in English. Please hand in your full paper or your work in progress (anonymised – so no personal data mentioned on cover letter nor within the text) until

December 22th 2020 latest

at our conference tool easychair under the link: <https://yeees-conference.org/contribute-paper/>

Regarding formatting/styles, we do not give strict guidelines, but recommend that you adhere to the following templates provided [here](#).

Your full paper and your work in your progress should contain the following:

1. A concise and informative title,
2. Cite references in the text with author name/s and year of publication in parentheses (“Harvard system”):

One author:	(Miller 1991) or Miller (1991)
Two authors:	(Miller and Smith 1994) or Miller and Smith (1994)
Three authors or more:	(Miller et al. 1995) or Miller et al. (1995)
3. The Reference list should be in the style established by the American Psychological Association (APA)
4. Include up to 5 keywords;
5. In case necessary, please include the acknowledgements in a separate page

Selection process

The selection is based on the review results. The authors will be informed by **the end of January 2021** on the acceptance of the proposed contributions.

SPECIAL ISSUE YEEES TEACHING

There will be a special issue on the topic of resilience through teaching. For this special issue we are looking for contributions on

- *Teaching methods*
- *Practical examples*
- *Research in education*

From all the submissions within the education track (Track 1), the peers will select the papers that will be published in a special issue of resilience through teaching. Contributions recommended from the peers for this issue will be informed about this choice.

CONFERENCE BOOKLET/CONFERENCE BOOK

There will be a digital conference booklet in which all accepted contributions will be introduced (a 1000-word abstract). There will also be a conference book with selected papers proposed by the peer reviewers. You will be notified about your selection for publication in this book in time. The notification of acceptance date is in line with our general deadline: **end of January 2021**.

WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

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