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### Deadlines

Deadline Open Call sessions	15 Oct 2008
Other sessions and paper abstracts	30 Nov 2008
Information for authors	26 January 2009
Registration from	26 January 2009
Early registration	14 April 2009

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ESEE/ISEE members			
Full Fee (€)	350	Early Registration (€)	300
Non members			
Full Fee (€)	410	Early Registration (€)	360
Students			
Full Fee (€)	240	Early Registration (€)	200

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## TRANSFORMATION, INNOVATION AND ADAPTATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY – INTEGRATING NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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This conference offers the opportunity to engage into a critical evaluation of the present and future research agenda of Ecological Economics. Global environmental problems have risen to the top of the international political agenda and there is growing demand for analyses that help understanding inter-coupled social, technological and environmental systems and formulating urgent policy actions. The relevant systems are typically open, dynamic and often indeterminate in their behaviour. This introduces challenges concerning the quality of knowledge and the tools and methods suitable for understanding system changes. These problems are further compounded where governance interventions are framed differently under contending social values and interests and shaped by the exercise of cultural, political and economic power.

Although it is generally accepted that natural and social systems are inter-coupled, both are mostly analyzed in terms of purely internal disciplinary models. Social systems are often studied in isolation from the surrounding environment, whereas for natural systems it is common that a large number of interconnections and variables is analysed, while the role of humans is described by a single actor model seeing people mainly as creators of disturbances. Ecological economics approaches to these challenges seek to bridge this gap and overcome the theoretical and methodological barriers. This requires developing strategies for understanding and engaging with the complexity, interdependence and co-evolutionary dynamics of socio-ecological systems.

The conference aims to contribute to a better understanding of societal and natural processes and their interaction by integrating various scientific methodologies and approaches – that is empirical work, modelling, governance and policy research or philosophical and methodological studies.

Paying attention to this point of departure, and focusing on challenges associated with global and regional environmental governance issues, particularly but not exclusively the challenges facing the enlarged European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries (CEEC), this conference will cover a series of broad THEMES.

## **A. Dynamics**

- A1. Coevolution of production and consumption
- A2. Growth, de-growth and environmental degradation
- A3. Evolution, innovation and socio-ecological transitions
- A4. Technological change, industrial ecology and sustainable resource use
- A5. Behavioural change and the environment
- A6. Institutions and ecosystem dynamics

## **B. Environmental Governance**

- B1. Economic globalisation and its challenges for the environment
- B2. Multi-level Governance
- B3. Institutions
- B4. Food prices and equity
- B5. Payments for Ecological Services

## **C. Energy and Climate Change**

- C1. Climate mitigation strategies
- C2. Adaptation to climate change
- C3. World oil price, peak oil and the revival of coal
- C4. Renewable energy and Energy savings

## **D. Natural Resources use**

- D1. Biodiversity and ecosystem services: conflicts, management and cooperation
- D2. Sustainable use of landscapes
- D3. Sustainable rural development
- D4. Food and Agriculture
- D5. Strategies for enhancing systems' resilience and adaptability
- D6. Sustainable use of water resources

## **E. Environment and development**

- E1. Development strategies and environmental impacts
- E2. Combined social and environmental resilience
- E3. Development and access to natural resources
- E4. Global markets and food security

## **F. Heterodox Economics and the Environment**

- F1. Macroeconomic approaches to sustainability
- F2. The role of markets in the transitions to sustainability
- F3. The role of financial markets in transition to sustainability

## **G. Social Dimension of Sustainability**

- G1. Quality of life
- G2. Social well-being
- G3. Sustainable consumption and well-being

## **H. Other**

For detailed descriptions of each theme please see the <http://www.bf.uni-lj.si>

## **Submission Content:**

Submissions that explore the challenges and possibilities of inter- and transdisciplinary research are encouraged and all proposals should address one or more of the conference themes.

## **Parallel Sessions - Submission Options:**

- Conference call sessions
- Discussion sessions
- Thematic sessions
- Open call sessions

Submission should be made electronically, through the <http://www.bf.uni-lj.si>