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Special Sessions

**Special Session on Smart Specialization for Sustainability
Call for Submissions**

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Recent years have emphasized the need for sustainable development strategies that align with the advancements in Industry 4.0 and address the pressing challenges posed by climate change. Smart specialization offers a strategic approach to foster innovation and sustainability, particularly through the integration of advanced technologies and environmentally conscious practices.

This special session aims to explore the intersection of smart specialization and sustainability, focusing on innovative approaches that promote environmental sustainability in the face of climatic emergencies. We invite submissions from graduate students and young scholars that address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Strategies for smart specialization in sustainable development
- Applications of advanced technologies for environmental sustainability
- Impacts of climate change on regional and urban development
- Policy frameworks for sustainable urbanization
- Case studies of smart specialization in sustainability
- Technological innovations for mitigating climate change
- Economic and social aspects of sustainable development
- Role of public and private sectors in promoting sustainability through innovation

Submission Guidelines

Interested participants should submit their abstracts online via the NARSC submission portal here. Once you have submitted your abstract, please email the following details to both organizers:

- Title of the paper
- Abstract
- Submission ID (PIN)
- Author information (name, affiliation, and contact details)
- Deadline for Abstract Submission: July 15, 2024

Selected participants may also be eligible for travel stipends provided through the Young Scholar Initiative of the Institute for New Economic Thinking (YSI/INET) funding. This special session aims to foster a collaborative environment where young scholars can engage with experts and peers, contributing to the broader discourse on regional economics.

For any queries or further information, please feel free to contact Rafael Campos (rfacampos@ufv.br) or Igor Tupy (igor.tupy@ufv.br).

We look forward to your submissions and to welcoming you to New Orleans!

Best regards,

Rafael Campos and Igor Tupy