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10th CSEAR Italy Conference and 5th CSEAR Italy Doctoral Colloquium

***“20 Years of CSEAR Italy:
learning from the past, mirroring the present, and shaping the future”***

The Department of Management (University of Turin), in collaboration with the CSEAR Italy, is delighted to host the 10th Conference on Social and Environmental Accounting Research (CSEAR) Italy, *“20 Years of CSEAR Italy: learning from the past, mirroring the present, and shaping the future”*, that will be held in Torino (Italy) on September 7–9, 2026. This will be preceded by the 5th CSEAR Italy Doctoral Colloquium, which takes place on September 7, 2026.

The conference aims to provide a space for critical discussion and reflection on the evolution of social and environmental accounting. This call for papers invites engagement with the pressing and evolving challenges and responsibilities faced by institutions, organisations, and society at large and on the role of social and environmental accounting, viewed across past experiences, present realities, and future scenarios.

We welcome reflections on how foundational ideas of social and environmental accounting have shaped current practices and the extent to which they might have played a role in addressing contemporary global challenges, such as climate change, social inequality, and biodiversity loss. Looking ahead, we encourage submissions that explore both traditional and emerging issues, including the complex sustainability regulatory landscape, transparency and ethical conduct in global supply chains. Moreover, we encourage submissions focusing on the transformative role of technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), in social and environmental accountability and its impact on sustainability. The Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research (CSEAR) is an internationally recognised, membership-based academic network dedicated to advancing accounting scholarship in support of a more sustainable and socially just society. CSEAR fosters interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration with students, practitioners, activists, policymakers, and other stakeholders. Its mission is to generate, disseminate, and apply knowledge that enhances understanding and practice in the fields of social and environmental accounting and accountability.

The CSEAR Italy conferences, organised biannually since 2006, provide an interdisciplinary forum for encouraging and facilitating research and debate on social and environmental accounting and accountability. Marking the 20th anniversary of CSEAR Italy, this year conference aims to offer an opportunity to engage and reflect on the evolution of the CSEAR Italy community as a whole and the overall contributions to the scholarly field in Italy and beyond.

In particular, the 10th Italian CSEAR Conference provides the opportunity to present and discuss research ideas, emerging projects, and working/full papers, encouraging constructive interaction, engagement, and dialogue in a friendly and supportive environment.



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We welcome conceptual, empirical, and interdisciplinary contributions that address contemporary environmental and societal challenges in private, public and non-governmental organisations. Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Historical insights, evolving practices, and future trends in social and environmental accounting and accountability
- Addressing contemporary global challenges and environmental and social crises
- Transparency, ethics, and responsibility across supply chains and towards stakeholders
- Digital technologies and AI in sustainability accounting and accountability
- Interdisciplinary perspectives linking social and environmental issues and accounting, accountability, control systems, stakeholder engagement, and organisational behaviour
- The role of accounting in promoting sustainable change through innovation, transformation and pro-social mindsets.

We particularly encourage submissions that offer forward-looking perspectives, critical reflections on current practices, or revisit key debates with fresh insights grounded on the lessons from the past.

Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts (max. 500 words) or full papers should be submitted by May 1, 2026.

Important Dates:

Submission Deadline: 1 May 2026

Notification of Acceptance: 22 May 2026

Conference Dates: 7, 8, 9 September 2026

Location: Department of Management, University of Turin, Corso Unione Sovietica 218 bis, Torino, Italy

Join us as we explore how past experiences and present realities can be leveraged to shape a more sustainable and accountable future.

For questions, please contact: csearitaly2026@unito.it



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