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## CALL FOR PAPERS

*20th European Academic Conference on Internal Audit and Corporate Governance*

*“Internal Audit and Corporate Governance: staying ahead with artificial intelligence and sustainability”*

University of Thessaly & Panteion University (Athens, Greece)

*From Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024*



Corporate governance and internal audit are processes that constantly evolve to stay ahead of changing business landscapes. Artificial intelligence (AI) and sustainability are considered the major trends that are currently transforming the business landscape. For sustainability issues, studies have demonstrated that an increasing number of organisations are integrating environmental and social considerations in their corporate governance, risk management and internal audit systems to meet changing stakeholders' expectations. This trend is expected to increase further in 2024 due to the growing prominence of ESG factors linked with the EU Agenda 2030 and the issuance of CSRD on sustainability reporting.

AI represents the greatest challenge in the future horizons for corporate governance and internal activities. This is because AI, like other emerging technologies, provide relevant opportunities to enhance decision-making in the boardroom and reduce time-consuming and repetitive tasks for internal auditors. But AI also creates significant risks linked with the loss of control over decisions made by AI and the legal implications in the case of unregulated use of AI.

For the 2024 conference, we invite papers investigating how internal audit and corporate governance are changing to stay ahead with sustainability, AI and other emerging technologies. We encourage authors to submit their manuscripts addressing the following, but not exclusively, areas:

- The integration of sustainability issues into corporate governance structures, mechanisms, and processes.
- AI and other emerging technology and their impact on the board's composition, roles and activities.
- The ESG focuses on internal audit activities.
- The changing role of the internal audit function as sustainability assurer.
- AI and other emerging technology and their impact on internal audit activities, knowledge, and skills.
- The impact of CSRD and ESRS on internal audit activities.

We also welcome papers that address any relevant aspect of internal auditing and corporate governance.

The Conference organising committee includes:

Prof. Andreas Koutoupis (University of Thessaly, Greece)

Prof. Ioannis Filos (Panteion University, Greece)

Prof. Giuseppe D'Onza (University of Pisa, Italy)

Dr. Alessandro Merendino (Queen Mary University of London, UK)

Leon Yap (Erasmus University, Open University, The Netherlands)

The Conference Organising Committee is pleased to announce the arrangements for the 20th European Academic Conference on Internal Audit and Corporate Governance hosted by Athens University (Greece).

The conference will provide a forum to present debate and discuss current issues impacting these areas. The first day (Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024) will be dedicated to a forum to enable PhD students to present “works in progress” to experienced academics and practitioners. We encourage students to submit at all stages of their PhD. The main conference will be held on the second and third days (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024).

The accommodation expenses (hotel only) will be reimbursed for the PhD day (the first day of the conference), and they may attend the main conference free of charge (travel expenses will have to be paid by the participants themselves).

### **Guidelines for submission**

- **For PhD students**

Submitted papers should be classified according to the stage of development. These stages are:

- *Exploratory papers* address the work that will likely be carried out in the future. These should be based on a significant literature review and likely come from students who are about to or have recently completed their first year.
- *Development papers* are based on empirical evidence and are at a stage where they may form a significant part of a thesis.
- *Full papers* form a substantial part of a thesis near completion.

The submission deadline is **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

- **For all papers**

We accept both extended abstracts and full papers (preference being given to full papers). The length of the extended abstract is between 3 and 5 pages. The length of the full paper is between 10 and 30 pages (including references, tables and figures). Extended abstracts and full papers should be uploaded as a Microsoft Word or Pdf document by clicking the following link.

The submission deadline is **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. For that date we accept both abstracts and full papers, though preference is given to full papers. Abstracts and full papers should be submitted as either a Microsoft Word or a rich text file (.rtf), as an e-mail attachment addressed to: [a.koutoupis@uth.gr](mailto:a.koutoupis@uth.gr)

Decisions on submissions regarding their inclusion in the conference programme will be communicated to the authors by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

We would encourage any potential author to contact either the conference chairs or the PhD programme chair if they would like to discuss their ideas before submitting an abstract or a full paper.

Please do not hesitate to contact the members of the organising committee by email:

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## Scientific Committee

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## Workshop Fees

Registrations fee:

- early (a discounted fee if paid on or before 20<sup>st</sup> March 2024): 300 Euro
- regular (if paid on or before 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024): 350 Euro

Instructions on payment and suggestions for hotel booking will be given in due course.

The fee includes participation in the workshop, documents, coffee breaks, and social dinner on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

For each accepted paper, at least one author must have completed the conference registration (including payment) by **30<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

The accommodation expense will be reimbursed to all the presenters on the PhD day, and they may attend the main conference free of charge (travel expenses will have to be paid by the participants themselves).

The payment can be transferred to the following account number.

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**Key dates:**

- **Submission deadline:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- **Notification of decisions on submission:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- **Registration deadline (payment):** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024



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**LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/european-academic-conference-on-internal-audit-and-corporate-governance/>

**Accommodation and Directions:**

**Conference Location:** 136, Syngrou Av. 17671 Athens-Greece

**Nearest Airport:** Athens International Airport

**Accommodation:**

[Athenaeum Grand Hotel](#)

[Grand Hyatt Athens](#)

[Athenaeum Smart Hotel](#)

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