

This is the **2nd call for papers of Research Area [E1] Industrial Policy and Development** for the next [EAEPE annual conference 2020](#) , which will be held **online** due to covid-19 pandemic, **from 2nd to 4th September**.

The resurgence of interest to industrial policy in the recent years has brought to the foreground the debate on industrial policy's legitimacy and the discussion on what should be the principles of such a policy.

The standard growth recipe of minimal government intervention focusing on improving the business environment, institutions and infrastructures, in the context of preserving macro-economic stability proved to be insufficient for long-term growth. These policy preoccupations had negative effects to a wide range of services ensured by the State, including the health care system. Especially in the case of Europe, after the economic crisis of 2008, many scholars advocated for different strategies aiming to structural changes concerning the state, the public administration, the technological and productive capabilities in industry, the funding mechanisms for supporting industrial development and for ambitious policies to create conditions for high and sustained long-term growth.

The current crisis of covid-19 pandemic starting from a different point, out of the economic sphere, is now affecting the global economy with predictions pointing to an important recession. The risks seem to be higher for developing economies because of their lower health system capacity, worse hygiene conditions, lower access to the internet, comparatively worse position in the world trade and dependence on advanced economies.

This new turmoil with aggregate supply and demand in a sequential downward loop is challenging again established structures and routines and brings to the fore the role of public policies. Problems cannot be dealt only at the level of macroeconomic policy. In such a context, the industrial policy 'debate' in addition to issues such as the integration to new governance structures of the global economy, climate change, energy transition and saving, the advent of the new generation technologies (AI, robotics, big data etc.), inequality, migration flows etc., should take into account new questions related to the effects of the pandemic. Such issues relate to:

- The type of strategies to be implemented at national and supranational level in order to support industries and the business sector to address the new challenges ahead.
- The effects of the crisis being unequal among different industries, with market power rising in some (e.g. digital services) but decreasing in others strongly hit by the demand drop.
- The role of research and innovation systems in overcoming this new type of threats for societies.
- The role of endogenous structural and institutional factors interplaying with disrupting events and external shocks and resulting to asymmetric effects among economic systems.
- The structural conditions of developing countries that create higher risks in the context of covid-19 pandemic and call for global coordinated responses.

In this line, this year in addition to the general research issues, [Research Area \[E1\]](#) calls for papers dealing with how industrial policy could be redefined in order to address the major challenges ahead.

You are invited to submit your abstract (300-750 words) no later than April 30 (extended) at

https://eaepe.org/?page=events&side=annual_conference&sub=abstract_submission .

For organizational details please follow the conference [website](#) .

Important Dates

- **extended to 30 April, 2020:** Abstract Submission Deadline for all kind of sessions
- **15 May, 2020:** Notification of Abstract Acceptance; Registration Opens
- **15 June, 2020:** Early Registration Closes
- **3 July, 2020:** Late Registration Closes (for authors to be included in the scientific programme)
- **31 July, 2020:** Submission of Full Papers Deadline

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