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Accounting History Review
2023 Workshop
Accounting [in] History
over time, space, and subjects:
tradition, innovation, and hybridisation
Messina, Italy, 28-29 September 2023

Call for Papers

Accounting history has become an increasingly prominent field of research, with an emphasis on the historical and social setting in which accounting practices and ideas develop. Accounting history is also more interdisciplinary, drawing on theories and methodologies from fields such as economics, management, finance, sociology, anthropology, and psychology. At the same time, it is transnational, with more research co-authored by scholars coming from different countries, with their own identities, backgrounds, hybridising approaches and scientific advances.

In recent years, a series of heterogeneous yet interconnected events has drastically changed people's lives, organisations, and societies: pandemics, economic downturns, natural disasters, wars – ongoing or simply feared. In this scenario, innovation, sustainability transition, and new technologies – most recently, artificial intelligence – are alternatively considered as an indispensable Copernican revolution, a renewal, a tool of power or as a cause of the events, at the base of seeking new global geopolitical equilibria.

Accounting, rather than seen as a purely technical practice, is a social and cultural phenomenon that is shaped by its historical and institutional context. At the same time, it inevitably moulds people, organisations, and societies. In this perspective, the examination of multi-faceted social and institutional contexts through an accounting lens can enhance knowledge, thus helping to explain current dynamics and events and, at the same time, contributing to understanding and managing inevitable change.

With these premises, after 25 years from the first International Workshop organised in Taormina on 'Evolution and perspective of accounting history in different countries', the University of Messina - Department of Economics is proud to host the *Accounting History Review* Workshop on 'Accounting [in] History over time, space, and subjects: tradition, innovation, and hybridisation'.

The aim of this workshop is to bring together scholars from different scientific backgrounds and countries, encouraging interdisciplinary and cross-national collaborations and/or research, exploring the historical development of accounting, discussing future trends in the field, and addressing new challenges. Theoretical, empirical and review papers are therefore welcomed in all areas of accounting history.

Key Dates

Submission Deadline: ~~June 24, 2023~~ **June 24, 2023** (Extended abstract not exceeding one page)

Notification of Acceptance: June 30, 2023

Full or short paper submission: **August 31, 2023**

Workshop Dates: September 28-29, 2023

Please submit your abstract and paper via email to ahrws2023@unime.it

Full conference and accommodation details will be available in due course. In the meantime, enquiries should be addressed to **Cheryl S. McWatters**, Editor of *Accounting History Review*, or **Carmelo Marisca**, Workshop Convenor, University of Messina.

Organising Committee

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About Messina and its University

The University of Messina is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Italy, with a rich history dating back to the 16th century. Situated in the heart of the city, the university has several campuses, including one in the historic centre and another in the northern part of the town.

Messina is a charming city located in north-eastern Sicily, Italy. Messina is about 1.5 hours from Catania airport. Catania airport is the fourth Italian airport for passenger traffic and has excellent international connections. Known for its stunning views of the sea and its beautiful sunny beaches, the city is situated on the Strait of Messina, which separates Sicily from mainland Italy, and is surrounded by hills and mountains that offer breath-taking panoramas of the Mediterranean. National Geographic has classified 'Capo Peloro' beach, where the Ionian and Tyrrhenian seas meet, as the best Italian beach for views. The Natural Reserve of Capo Peloro is a protected area by the Sicilian Region.

In addition to its natural beauty, Messina is also known for its rich cultural heritage, which includes a variety of historic monuments and landmarks, such as the *Duomo di Messina*, a stunning cathedral that features intricate baroque architecture and impressive works of art. The bell tower of the Cathedral of Messina contains the biggest and most complex mechanical and astronomical clock of the world. The city is also home to a variety of museums, galleries, and theatres that showcase the best of Sicilian art and culture.