

# The 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Conference on EcoBalance

Website and Submission: <https://ecobalanceconference.org>

## Call for Abstracts

In March, we announced the postponement of the 14th Biennial International Conference on EcoBalance (EcoBalance 2020) due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Now, the organizing committee is pleased to re-invite authors to submit abstracts for the rescheduled online conference. The conference theme remains the same:

*“Materializing Sustainability Visions: Fostering Partnerships with Life Cycle Thinking”*

### Important Dates:

**Call for Abstracts:** November 13, 2020 – December 14, 2020

**Notice of acceptance:** January 15, 2021

**Movie Upload (in .mp4 format):** February 1-15

**Opening Ceremony (real-time, online):** February 25

**Viewing movies, discussions:** February 25 – March 5

**Webinars:** March 4-5, 2021

**Closing Ceremony (real-time, online):** March 5, 2021

### Registration Fees:

	Presenters	Non-presenters
General	40,000 JPY	30,000 JPY
Students	15,000 JPY	10,000 JPY

Various visions for our future society have been advocated widely– Circular Economy, Bioeconomy, Low Carbon Society, Sufficiency Economy, Hydrogen Society, to name just a few. Policy, technology, and other initiatives are vehicles to the implementation of these visions. To assure the effectiveness and consistency among these measures, life cycle thinking is expected to play more critical roles in inter- and trans-disciplinary partnerships.

EcoBalance 2020 invites submissions of abstracts addressing, but not limited to, one or more of the 17 SDGs through methodology development, database development, education and capacity building, technology development, policy design, informing

stakeholders, building partnerships, problem presentation and standardization. Both theoretical and practical contributions are welcomed.

Taking this opportunity, we are also joining the new mode of international conference. For the first time in its history, EcoBalance will use a hybrid format of on-line and on-demand talks to offer a valuable forum of academics and practitioners of LCA. All the speakers will provide a 15-minute video on their study. Registered participants will be able to view the on-demand streaming videos for around 2 weeks. The platform will allow participants to comment/ask questions on the presentations, with the chance for authors to provide replies to the comments.

As usual, the abstract must be submitted in plain text and should not exceed 300 words. On abstract acceptance, we will provide a submission link unique to your presentation.

### **Call for Organized sessions:**

The organizing committee invites proposals organized sessions on specific topics. In addition to the standard search features of the platform, the participants will see a dedicated link to the talks allocated to the organized session. You can also offer a real-time, organized webinar as a part of the session. If you are interested in offering an organized session, please send your inquiry to: [ecobalance@ilcaj.org](mailto:ecobalance@ilcaj.org)



We hope to create an opportunity to enhance our capacity to play a leading role in materializing future visions in mainstream initiatives, forming new partnerships, refurbishing our toolbox and adding new tools, together with the participants. We hope to prove that in this difficult time of pandemic, we are still capable of moving forward. We look forward to your participation in EcoBalance 2020!

On behalf of the organizing committee

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