



Inclusive Growth in Cities: Theory, Evidence and Practice

The first academic conference on inclusive growth in the UK

University of Manchester 19th / 20th November 2019

Call for Abstracts

In recent years, inclusive growth has emerged as a new public policy model for countries and cities looking to find new solutions to social and spatial inequalities in the face of increasing social divisions, rising populism and the rising welfare costs of unequal societies. There are growing UK and international communities of policy-makers and practitioners focusing on delivery, good practice and sharing of lessons.

Academic work in the field is, however, emerging more slowly, and not always labelled as 'inclusive growth' per se. Conceptual and empirical work relevant to current notions of inclusive growth, including the lessons of historical periods when similar policy objectives were expressed in different terms, is not always applied in this context. Academic discussions about inclusive growth are dispersed across disciplines including economics, geography, social policy, politics, sociology and urban planning, and frequently disconnected from policy and practice conversations.

In this conference, the first academic gathering on this topic in the UK, we aim to consolidate and build the evidence base on inclusive growth and whether/how it can be achieved, through combining and sharing different disciplinary perspectives and research approaches. We also aim to apply this knowledge, in real time, to contemporary policy problems and emerging policy and practice initiatives. While the first day of the conference will take a traditional form, with presentations of academic papers, the second will consist of study visits within the city-region of Greater Manchester (e.g to major development projects, employers, employment and skills programmes and neighbourhood initiatives) followed by interdisciplinary workshops. Participants will share existing knowledge on how the emerging problems and solutions can be theorised, understood, and measured, what can be learned from past examples or other countries, and what remains to be known. We hope to strengthen inclusive growth research networks and sow the seeds for future research programmes and projects.

We welcome participants from the UK, Europe and further afield, and from a wide range of disciplines and methodological traditions. Papers from early career researchers are particularly encouraged and will be included in the main conference stream. A small number of travel and accommodation bursaries is available for early career scholars.

Please see over for further details and abstract submission information

We welcome papers on a wide range of topics related to inclusive growth, both conceptual and empirical. The central focus is on the level of the city or city-region, but relevant findings may be drawn from other larger and smaller spatial scales.

Themes could include, but are not limited to:

- Inclusive growth: theories and concepts
- Measurement of inclusive growth, at city, neighbourhood and project level
- Labour market trends and inclusive growth
- Building Inclusive Economies (e.g. community wealth building, municipal companies, building the social economy, procurement, anchors)
- Inclusive innovation
- Politics and governance of inclusive growth, including citizen engagement
- Planning, housing and transport
- Finance, investment and appraisal models for inclusive growth
- Employment support programmes and employer/business engagement
- Education and skills
- Innovative actions at neighbourhood level
- The role of welfare states in inclusive growth
- Inclusive growth, sustainability, health and well-being
- Migration and inclusive growth

If you would like to present at the conference, please submit your abstract of 250-300 words to igau@manchester.ac.uk. Please include your name, title and institutional affiliation and indicate whether you are an early career researcher, and if so whether you would like to apply for bursary support.

Abstracts should be submitted by Monday 9th September 2019 and participants will be notified of acceptance by Friday 20th September at the latest.

Conference registration will be open from mid August. Details will be circulated via mailing lists. If you do not wish to submit an abstract but are interesting in attending, please email igau@manchester.ac.uk to receive a direct email when registration opens. A modest conference fee (£40-50 for two days, or 1-day equivalent, to cover administration and site visits) will be payable on booking.

This conference is hosted by the Inclusive Growth Analysis Unit (IGAU) at the University of Manchester, and supported financially by University of Manchester Hallsworth Conference Fund. It is jointly organised by a network of inclusive growth researchers from around the UK, including from:



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