



No One is an Island: Trust, Solidarity, and Development Ethics in a Fragmented World October 15-16, 2026

Université des Antilles, Schoelcher Campus, in Martinique and Online

Call for submissions

This conference aims to explore the ethical challenges and dilemmas of development in island territories, with particular attention on the role organizations and development projects play in shaping sustainable responses. Insular territories face unique challenges and vulnerabilities - remoteness, environmental fragility, resource constraints, and persistent social inequalities, etc. - that require ethical reflection on the decisions made by organizations and project stakeholders. While diverse development trajectories can be observed, the contribution of organizations and specific development projects to sustainable development remains insufficiently examined.

The implications of ecological, digital, and demographic transitions are of special interest.

Ecological transition challenges include reducing the use of phytosanitary substances to promote safer, healthier, and sustainable agricultural practices, addressing waste management, long-lasting pesticide pollution, sustainable tourism or responsible resource consumption.

Digital transition raises questions related to digital inclusion, the protection and governance of personal data, and the role of new technologies in meeting performance objectives without compromising ethical principles.

Demographic transition raises challenges such as ageing populations, poverty, autonomy and social inclusion, which impose ethical responsibilities on organizations and managers.

The conference aims to address questions organized in 4 tracks:

Track #1: Foundational ethical and social concepts

- What is trust? What are the components and the drivers of trust?
- What is solidarity? Is authentic solidarity possible between competitors? That is, is it possible for individuals or groups to stand simultaneously in relationships of both solidarity and competition with one another? Is it possible to do so in a way that supports authentic human flourishing? If so, how?

Track #2: Organizational ethics, trust and responsibilities

- How do organizations respond to performance requirements, corporate responsibility, and ethical considerations?

- What specific ethical challenges and dilemmas do organizations face or have to address in insular territories?
- What tensions arise between efficiency, transparency, equity, and accountability?
- How can organizations build and sustain trust in private–public partnerships and joint development projects?
- What ethical frameworks or governance tools can increase legitimacy and citizen acceptance?
- How do religious traditions and spiritual beliefs shape ethical values, norms, and behaviors in modern organizations?
- How do institutional, cultural, and societal contexts affect the expression of religion and spirituality in organizational ethics?

Track #3: Sustainable development and the common good

- How can organizations respond to the challenges of managing environmental resources as a common good?
- How can ethical governance strengthen adaptation capabilities and resilience in insular territories?
- How can sustainable development strategies and field projects be implemented in practice?
- How can organizations (including local authorities) engage communities ethically in the design and implementation of sustainable development projects?
- Can the common good approach to development be understood as the result of collective processes and collective actions in which people’s interactions, and not only institutions and organizations, shape their common destiny?
- What role could organizations, universities, and research institutions play in promoting ethical development in insular contexts?
- How do organizations manage religious and spiritual diversity while maintaining ethical coherence and inclusiveness?
- To what extent can spirituality at work contribute to ethical leadership, employee well-being, and organizational legitimacy?

Track #4: AI and organizational ethics

- How can ethical governance frameworks for AI be designed and implemented within organizations?
- To what extent do algorithmic systems reproduce or mitigate bias, and how do they affect organizational justice and inclusion?
- How does the use of AI in organizations affect work, human dignity, and sustainable development?
- How do institutional and cultural contexts, particularly in developing countries, shape the ethical challenges and uses of AI in organizations?

Drawing on an interdisciplinary perspective (e.g., development studies, business, economics, ethics / philosophy, policy studies, environmental studies, political science, law, sociology, etc.), the event will examine how private, public, community organizations and development projects can contribute to sustainable development while balancing economic viability, environmental integrity, and social responsibility.

Participants will discuss organizational practices, governance models, responsible innovation and resource management, stakeholder engagement, and ethical decision-making as applied within insular or isolated ecosystems. By bringing together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers, the conference will question dominant development paradigms and highlight context-specific challenges related to ethical organizational practices and project implementation. It seeks to advance understanding of how organizations can ethically support resilient, inclusive, and sustainable development in island or isolated territories.

Submission Guidelines

Authors may submit papers in either French or English under the format of an extended abstract: from 800 to 1000 words, Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced, with 2.5 cm margins, excluding the title page, references, and appendices. The first page of the submission must include the paper title, an abstract of 150 words (in French or in English), single-spaced, and a maximum of five (5) keywords. Both academics and practitioners are welcome to submit.

The initial submission must be fully anonymized and must not contain any information that could identify the author(s). Author details (first and last names, institutional affiliations, and contact information) will be provided separately via the submission platform and included only in the final accepted version. Authors will have to specify the specific track they apply to.

For each submission, at least one author is required to register for the conference and present the paper if accepted. All submissions will be subject to a double-blind peer review by two members of the Scientific Committee.

Authors are asked to mention if they plan to attend the conference online or in person.

Submission Platform and Procedures

All submissions must be made exclusively through the dedicated online platform: <https://idea2026.sciencesconf.org/>

Important Dates

- **August 26, 2026:** submission deadline for papers.
- **September 1st:** abstracts will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Notifications of final decisions will be sent no later than September 1st.
- **October 15-16, 2026 :** conference dates.

Venue

The event will be held in a hybrid format, on site at the Université des Antilles, Schoelcher Campus in Martinique and online via the Zoom platform.

Registration Fees

- Faculty members / Researchers: €150
- Doctoral students: €50
- Professionals: €150

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