

Conference “University and the City” - Session "Innovation and development"

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Universities are institutions with multifunctional missions, and towards them, expectations from stakeholders and society have improved.

First the issue of the third mission is conceptualized, coming to define the trade-offs with the other missions. The presentation provides a view of empirical outcomes concerning the third mission. Then it discusses the relevance of the issue in the Italian context, also with reference to the forthcoming evaluation scheduled by Anvur. Finally, it discusses some recent contributions from international literature on the relationship between university and regional development and on the community engagement.