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Conference stream: Call for Papers & panels

Digital and technological social innovation

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Description:

The pandemic has accelerated the emergence of Digital and Technological Social Innovations (DTSIs) as mechanisms for addressing challenging social problems in health, inequalities, migration, social exclusion, the environment, and more. In 2020, a range of DTSIs became integrated mainstream resources, ensuring the continuance of routine health services, education, commerce, citizen engagement, and even democracy.

Digital and Technological Social Innovations have always engaged stakeholders and empowered people to act, and during the crisis of 2020 they demonstrated their powers in maintaining societal functioning and capabilities. Yet DTSIs remain underrepresented in academic literature, and theories explaining their emergence are largely absent. Greater academic insight and understanding is needed to explain the current and future potential of digital and other technologies to generate and sustain social change. Furthermore, society’s interaction and engagement with DTSIs can create unexpected and unintended impacts, some of which are problematic, and these also remain largely unexplored by academic research.

To this end, we invite papers on the following (non-exhaustive) list of topics:

- DTSIs and the pandemic;
- DTSIs, ethics and neutrality in social innovation;
- DTSIs in the public sector and civil society organisations;
- Citizen engagement through DTSIs;
- Theories of DTSIs;
- The role of DTSIs in disrupting the status quo;
- Organisational dynamics and business models sustaining DTSIs;
- Managerial and entrepreneurial challenges in DTSIs;
- DTSIs ecosystems, networks and network effects;
- DTSIs case studies;

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- DTSIs and gender;
- Future trends in DTSIs.

References

N/A

Guidelines for submission

To contribute to the conference, it is possible to submit both paper abstracts or proposals for panel sessions. Following details about the submission:

A. Paper abstracts

Must be maximum 400 words, excluding references (Font: Times New Roman 12-pt, double spaced, 2.5 cm margin all around).

They should articulate: (1) the research objectives or questions being addressed; (2) the conceptual or theoretical perspectives informing the work; (3) where appropriate, the methodology utilised; and (4) the contribution of the paper to knowledge in light of the conference themes.

A maximum of two abstracts may be submitted per presenter (joint papers to be presented by co-authors will also be considered).

To enable anonymity, the authors' names should not appear. Instead, a cover page giving the title of the paper and full identifying information of the author(s) (name, address, telephone and e-mail address) should be included as a separate Word or PDF document.

On abstract submission please ensure you advise the conference stream.

B. Panel session proposals

Must be maximum 400 words, excluding references.

They should include: (1) the panel purpose and its relationship to the nominated conference stream; (2) details of (minimum) three and (maximum) four papers and paper presenters to be included in the panel; and the expected contribution to the panel.

On panel submission please ensure you advise the conference stream.

Process and deadlines

All paper abstracts and panel proposals must be submitted by email to: www.isirc2021milano.com

Abstract and panel proposals submission due: 28th February 2021

Notification of decision on submissions: 31st March 2021

Optional full paper submission for consideration in best paper awards: 15th July 2021

Enquiries about conference administration and technical issues related to online submission should be directed to the conference administration team at isirc2021@unicatt.it



Guidelines for full paper submissions:

Papers must be written in English and should be sent in Microsoft Word or PDF format.

Papers should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words in length including tables, figures and references.

Tables and figures should be incorporated into the paper. Each table and figure should be given a title.

Please include an abstract and four to six key words.

To enable anonymity, the authors' names should not appear. Instead, a cover page giving the title of the paper and full identifying information of the author(s) (name, address, telephone and e-mail address) should be included as a separate Word or PDF document.

Harvard is the preferred referencing style.