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Social innovation for health and wellbeing

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Description:

In the *Social Innovation for Health and Wellbeing* stream we welcome papers exploring the role of social innovation (broadly defined) on the health and well-being of people and patients, spaces and places. One of the largest areas of expenditure of modern states remains health and social care. However demographic changes and spiralling costs of new healthcare technologies have placed budgets under ever-increasing strain. The long-term deleterious impact of austerity policies on a variety of factors relating to health and well-being, particularly for the most vulnerable in society, is only now starting to emerge.

The sorts of impacts we imagine that social innovations might seek to address could be at the level of individuals, communities, or even systems-level impacts on health and well-being. Typical topics of interest might include: the social impact of new health and well-being technologies; new forms of relationship between the state and civil society focused on addressing a particular health or healthcare issue; or the impact of community-led interventions on addressing ‘upstream’ factors in the social environment that we know shape how we live, work and age (e.g. Kelly et al., 2019; Roy et al., 2017, 2014). The role of social innovation(s) in addressing crucial issues such as health equity (Farmer et al., 2018; Mason et al., 2015) remains of critical importance, as is further empirical work on the potential of social innovations such as social enterprises or microfinance institutions to address acute healthcare challenges (Calò et al., 2018; Hall et al., 2015) or address ‘upstream’ social determinants of health (Elmes, 2019; Macaulay et al., 2018; Suchowerska et al., 2019).

We therefore welcome papers in this stream that adopt an imaginative perspective to developing theory or methods to this exciting new area of research focus.

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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

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

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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.