

Call for Papers and Panels

12th International Social Innovation Research Conference 2020,
Sheffield University Management School, Centre for Regional Economic and Enterprise
Development

1st – 3rd September 2020

Theme: *'Social innovation and enterprise for more prosperous, fair and sustainable societies'*

Conference website: <https://isirconference2020.com/>

Digital and Technological Social Innovation

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Digital and Technological Social Innovations (DTSI) are emerging which address challenging social problems in democracy, health, inequalities, migration, social exclusion, gender inequalities, the environment, and more. DTSIs engage stakeholders and empower people to act, enhancing citizen participation in society. From GIS to crowdfunding, rural healthcare to citizen science, DTSI can empower people and improve their quality of life. Yet digital and technological social innovation remains underrepresented in academic literature. Theories explaining digital and technological social innovations are absent from definitional debates, and more academic insight is needed to explain the current and future potential of digital and other technologies to generate social change. To this end, we invite papers on the following (non-exhaustive) list of topics:

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

Submission Guidelines

Paper abstracts must be a maximum of 300 words, excluding references. They should articulate: the research questions or objectives being addressed; the conceptual or theoretical perspectives informing the work; where appropriate, the methodology utilised; and the contribution of the paper to knowledge in light of the conference theme.

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

Paper abstracts should be submitted to isirc2020conference@sheffield.ac.uk

On abstract submission please ensure you **advise of the conference stream**.

Optional full paper submission for consideration in best paper awards is due no later than **31st July 2020**. Submit full papers to: isirc2020conference@sheffield.ac.uk

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 5000 and 8000 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.

Panel proposals must be a maximum 400 words, excluding references. They should include: the panel purpose and its relationship to the nominated conference stream; details of (minimum) three and (maximum) four papers and paper presenters to be included in the panel; and the expected contribution of the panel.

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Enquiries about conference administration and technical issues related to submission should be directed to the conference administration team:

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Deadlines

Abstract and panel proposals submission closes: **7th April 2020**

Decision on submissions notification: **30th April 2020**

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