

## Call for Papers and Panels

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

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

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

**Conference website:** <https://isircconference2020.com/>

### **Migrants' economic, social, and political inclusion: what role for social innovation?**

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**Stream description:** International migration has become a field of highly disputed policy solutions and connected debates in Europe and beyond. Such polarized and polarizing discourses and policy preferences have peaked since the mid 2010s when the number of people fleeing their countries significantly increased due to the war in Syria as well as protracted political, social and economic instability in the Middle East, Asia and Africa. While mainstreaming media and political entrepreneurs tended to focus on the potential security issues raised by increased fluxes of refugees and migrants, civil society activists and local authorities have been at the forefront of the provision of humanitarian help as well as in the promotion of integration programs. Acting sometimes in a policy vacuum or even in defiance of national authorities, such civil society organisations and local or sub-national authorities have deployed a creative spirit of innovations allowing people fleeing from war, persecution and poverty, find a place where to obtain protection and begin a new life through education, training, work and socialising events. This stream aims to gather contributions shedding light on such innovative forms of support and integration of refugees and asylum seekers across a range of aspects, including economic, social or political dimensions. It invites papers discussing social innovations having occurred in the broad field of migration, either as first help or more long-term integration-seeking programs and actions.

We therefore invite contributions to the stream on the following (non-exhaustive) topics:

- Civil society led social innovation in economic, social and political inclusion of migrants (including refugees and asylum seekers);
- Collective action and social movements in support of migrants' needs and voice;
- Social innovation actions targeting public opinion's perception of migration, and in particular innovative forms of communication about migration;
- Policy provision and welfare state models in the promotion of migrants' integration dynamics;

- Social innovation and labour market integration of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers;
- Social innovation in performing arts, culture and leisure initiatives aiming at migrants' social inclusion;
- Social innovation and social policy for migrants', refugees and asylum seekers inclusion;
- Social innovation enhancing political participation and voice among newcomers.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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: **7<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Decision on submissions notification: **30<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

Full papers submitted for consideration in best paper awards due: **31st July 2020**