

## 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/>

### Resilient Communities and Places: the Role of Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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**Stream description:** There has been a growing interest in the concept of resilience in recent years and its definition and application appear in a number of discussions of place-based policies (Korber and McNaughton, 2018; Martin and Sunley, 2015; Williams et al, 2013). Researchers have identified the importance of entrepreneurship and innovation to the resilience of communities and economies (Bakas, 2017; McNaughton and Gray, 2017; Morrision et al, 2017; Williams and Vorley, 2014; Berkes and Davidson-Hunt, 2007). This has increasingly included thinking beyond arguments relating to economic growth and instead to the potential and active roles of social innovation for place based development (Horgan and Dimitrijević, 2018; Baker and Mehmood, 2015; Mehmood, 2015).

The aim of this stream is to explore how the resilience of communities and places is shaped by social innovation. We invite papers that explore questions such as how is social innovation used in policies that promote resilience? What are the institutions and organisations that develop social innovation to support resilience? Under what conditions is resilience considered to have been achieved through social innovation? What are the roles of entrepreneurs and policymakers in implementing a social innovation approach to resilience? How do social innovation approaches to resilience change at different scales? How do mechanisms such as philanthropy serve a place-based approach to resilience?

We especially welcome papers exploring a variety of geographical contexts, conceptual and methodological approaches to research on the relationships between social innovation, entrepreneurship and resilience. We invite papers which explore the following debates:

- The role of social innovation in shaping resilient communities
- Entrepreneurship, social innovation and resilience

- New methodological approaches to understanding resilience and social innovation
- The impacts of public policy aimed at shaping resilience through social innovation
- Resilience and social innovation in non-western societies
- The role of philanthropy in shaping resilience
- Institutions, resilience and social enterprises
- Historical research on social innovation and resilience

### **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**

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