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SRHE Newer and Early Career Researchers Conference 2019 Call for papers

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1. Conference Theme

SRHE Newer and Early Career Researchers Conference
10 December 2019
Coldra Court, Newport, Wales, United Kingdom

What does it mean to be an academic citizen in 2019?
How HE researchers and evaluators create and respond to change

2019 has been a year of change globally, nationally and locally. The role of expertise, evidence and questions of identity and purpose as researchers have been keen in our minds across the HE sector. Most new and emerging researchers are stimulated and inspired by change; this is the reason we research and evaluate the academy, because we want to make a difference.

Whether researching or evaluating pedagogy, assessment, employability, policy, practice, or greater equity, or wider participation in HE, as HE researchers we are all united in a common bond: to engage critically with the academy around us; employ rigour and robust methods; to understand more than we currently do; and ultimately to make a difference.

The new and emerging HE research community are change makers, committed to being active citizens in the academy. This inspires debates which are broader than those of theoretical frameworks and methodological approaches. This conference adds to the question: what does it mean to be an academic citizen in 2019?

The conference welcomes abstracts from a wide range of researchers, and evaluators, who engage critically with issues in higher education both inside and outside the society's networks. It provides a unique opportunity to share and discuss your work with peers and scholars from the international higher education research community in a supportive and developmental environment. We welcome those who consider themselves new or emerging in the field of HE researches, be they practitioner or students.

The conference will be preceded by a pre-conference webinar. The conference day will provide opportunities to present abstracts, network and participate in developmental workshops.

2. Submission Guidelines

All submissions are subject to rigorous peer review and the selection of papers for presentation is based solely on quality. There is no requirement for submissions to directly address the conference theme. Constructive feedback will be provided by reviewers and submitters will be offered the opportunity to rework their abstracts where necessary.

3. Assessment Criteria

All submissions will be judged by the following criteria:

Originality of questions addressed
Effective use and clear explanation of research methodology
Clarity of the research aims and objectives and outcomes
The extent to which the work is rooted in the relevant literature
Significance of the research and the contribution added to what is known about the area researched
The quality of the data (where applicable) and the reliability and significance of the conclusions

4. Presentation Formats

4.1 Research Abstracts

You are invited to submit a 450 word abstract, including references, outlining your research.

Each abstract accepted for individual presentation will be allocated 20 minutes for presentation and discussion. Generally, we recommend that you plan for a maximum of 10 minutes speaking, and at least 10 minutes for questions so that you can benefit from audience interaction and feedback on your topic. Submitters will also be invited to submit their abstract in the form of a poster in order to take part in the poster session and best poster competition.

4.2 Poster Sessions

Posters provide an opportunity to engage your audience in discussion and invite feedback using a visual format. In particular they enable newer researchers to present ongoing research to an international audience especially pilot studies, preliminary results or information on new projects. When submitting a poster you will be asked for a 450 word abstract, including references, outlining your research. You are not expected to have the design of your poster finalised at this point.

Poster displays will also be featured in the Newer Researchers Conference programme and will be allocated sufficient time in the Conference programme for participants to engage in dialogue and informal exchange. Posters will be on show in a specific location throughout the Newer Researchers Conference, with a dedicated period allotted for participants to engage in dialogue and informal exchange. Those who are also attending Annual Research Conference from the 11-13 December 2019, will be able to display their work at this conference as well. Posters will be prominently displayed to attract the widest attention.

Posters should be A1 in size (Portrait or landscape). For presenters travelling from abroad, we offer the facility to have your posters printed here for you. The cost of a colour A1 poster will be £25.00. Poster boards will be provided.

We recommend that poster presenters look at the guidelines set out at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AwMFhyH7_5g or

<http://www.supi.manchester.ac.uk/media/services/supi/Academic-Poster-Guidance.pdf>

<https://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/ld/resources/presentations/designing-poster/poster>

The submitted Posters will be evaluated by all conference participants and a panel of judges. There will be two best poster prizes and the winning posters will be displayed at the SRHE offices for the duration of 2020.

The deadline for submission of all proposals to SRHE Newer and Early Career Researchers Conference is Friday 21 June 2019, 12 midnight GMT. Visit <https://www.srhe.ac.uk/conference2019/newer-researchers-conference.asp/> to submit.

5. Conference Programme

The SRHE Newer Researchers Conference will begin on the morning of Wednesday 10 December 2019. Registration is open from 09.00 and the opening keynote session will commence promptly at 10.15. The formal Conference will end at 18.00 after which there will be informal networking events.

5.1 Social and networking events 2019

The conference will end with the Best Poster Awards and drinks reception. All participants are invited to a free informal supper in the evening.

Conference Registration

Delegates are advised to book early especially if you require overnight accommodation. To register for the Conference please register online via the Conference website at <http://www.srhe.ac.uk>

6. SRHE Membership

Discounted on delegate fees are available to SRHE members. A very limited number of subsidised places a 'student rate' are also available to full-time postgraduate students.

Non-members of SRHE wishing to take advantage of member discounts for conference can join the Society at the time of registering by clicking on "Join us" at <http://www.srhe.ac.uk>

SRHE Membership offers a wide range of opportunities and important benefits including free attendance at SRHE Network and Professional Development events, *SRHE News*, our quarterly digest of news, comment and analysis from around the Higher Education world, free on-line access to all SRHE journals and discounted printed journal subscriptions.

6.1 Delegate Accommodation

Full details of all delegate fees and options can be found on the SRHE conference website.

Coldra Court Hotel is situated just a short distance from The Celtic Manor Resort, on the opposite side of the Coldra Roundabout. Located in the suburb of Langstone on the outskirts of the City of Newport, Coldra Court is only 90 minutes from London Heathrow, 45 minutes from Cardiff Airport and Bristol Airport and 5 minutes from the Severn Bridge. Coldra Court is located close to intercity rail services at Newport, with direct trains to Cardiff, London Paddington, and Birmingham.

Further details are available from www.celtic-manor.com

7. Further Information

For all abstract submissions, conference registrations, further information and updates on the Conference please access the Conference website at www.srhe.ac.uk/conference2019

Please note that our conference registration and submission system is managed by Firebird Conference Systems. Please ensure that the domain @firebird.systems is whitelisted to receive emails regarding your submission.

If you require any further information or assistance, please contact the SRHE Conference team via email: srhe@srhe.ac.uk

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Appendix A – How to use our submission system

In this guide you will find:

1. Logging in
2. Navigating our submission system
3. Submitting a paper

Logging in

SRHE uses Firebird conference systems to manage all submissions to the SRHE Annual Conference: <https://flame.firebird.systems/SRHE/SRHENR2019/mysubmissions>

All users will need to sign up with Firebird systems to submit a paper. If you have used Firebird systems in the past, you can use your existing log in credentials. You can also sign up using Google or Linked in.

Please note – this is not the same as your SRHE Member area log in. All users will need to sign up with Firebird systems to submit a paper.

The image shows a screenshot of the SRHE submission system login page. At the top, there is a blue header with a user icon and the text "Log In" and an information icon. Below this is a grey box with the text: "Please log in using the form below. If you need help then click on the i icon above." The main content area features a "Log In" button with a flame icon, and two buttons labeled "Log In" and "Sign Up" which are circled in orange. Below these are two social login buttons: "LOG IN WITH GOOGLE" and "LOG IN WITH LINKEDIN", also circled in orange. Below the social buttons is the text "or" and a form with an email input field containing "katie.tindle@srhe.ac.uk" and a password input field with masked characters. Below the password field is a link that says "Don't remember your password?". At the bottom of the form is a large orange "LOG IN >" button. At the very bottom, there is a light blue footer with a small icon and the text "By logging in, you accept the Terms and Conditions of this website." Two callout boxes with orange borders and arrows point to the "Log In" and "Sign Up" buttons, and the social login buttons. The first callout box contains the text "1. Select Log in or Sign Up as necessary". The second callout box contains the text "2. Enter your email and password, or log in with Google or LinkedIn."

When you have signed up to Firebird systems, please continue to use the same method of log in every time you visit the site. If you are signed up using your email address, please use the same version of this address when you log in (for example once signed up using [Katie.tindle@srhe.ac.uk](mailto:katie.tindle@srhe.ac.uk), other versions of this address would not be recognised i.e. k.e.tindle@srhe.ac.uk, K.tindle@srhe.ac.uk, katietindle@srhe.ac.uk)

2. Navigating our submission system

Dashboard

Once logged in, you will be directed to you 'Submissions Dashboard'.

From here you can see the submissions you have started and submitted as well as get general information about the conference.

The screenshot shows the SRHE submission dashboard. At the top left is the SRHE logo and the tagline 'Society for Research into Higher Education'. Below this is a blue banner that says 'Welcome to SRHE Newer Researchers conference'. On the left side, there is a 'Add Submission' button (1) and a submission card for 'Submission 0001' (2) which contains the text 'This is a test' and buttons for 'View', 'Edit', and 'Preview'. The main content area features a large image of a conference room with the text 'The SRHE Newer & Early Career Researchers Conference' (3), '10 December 2019', 'Coldra Court, Newport, Wales', and the theme 'SRHE Newer and Early Career Researchers Conference' with the subtitle 'What does it mean to be an academic citizen in 2019?' and the tagline 'How HE researchers and evaluators create and respond to change'. On the right side, there is a '2 months' timer (4) for the submission deadline, followed by a 'Submission Help' button (4), a 'Presentation Formats' button (5), a 'Contact Information' button (6), and a 'Help Me' button (7) with social media handles '@SRHE73', '#SRHEevents', and '#SRHENR2019'.

1. Click this button to submit a Poster or Research Abstract
2. This box will appear when you have made a submission, and gives you the option of viewing and editing your submission until the closing date
3. Here you will find the Conference theme
4. Here you will find brief submission technical instructions
5. Here you will find information outlining our presentation formats
6. Our contact information.
7. This is the help me tab. If you are experiencing technical issues, use this tab to send a request for technical help to the Firebird system support team.

3.Submitting a Poster or Research Abstract

Research paper, Panel Discussion or Poster

These instructions are the same whether you are submitting a Research abstract or Poster.

Step 1. Click the button labelled 1. as shown in the dashboard illustration above.

Step 2. This will open our submissions wizard. If you have already started a submission you will be asked whether you would like to finish it, or start a new one.

This will open a wizard for you to complete. Make sure you complete every page and review the summary at the end before you close the form.

You can come back at any time to review and amend your submissions up until the deadline.