SRHE Society for Research into Higher Education

International Research Conference 2019: Call for papers

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1. Conference theme

SRHE International Conference on Research into Higher Education 2019

Creativity, Criticality and Conformity in Higher Education

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Celtic Manor, Newport, Wales, United Kingdom

The definition of creativity is the use of imagination or original ideas to create something; the ability to transcend traditional ideas, rules, patterns, relationships, or the like, and to create meaningful new ideas, forms, methods, and interpretations.

Universities should surely be creative places. The economic, political and social climate that universities work in across the world present challenges to this. In many cultures there is an emphasis on measurable, economic outcomes. Does this have to result in policy that emphasises only some parts of the work that universities do, obscuring important activities that often develop and thrive at the margins, or in the spaces between traditional functions?

It could be argued that higher education researchers too draw on an increasingly limited range of methodologies, approaches and ideas that are often not persuasive to policy makers. Have we, in search of measurability and academic respectability, retreated to a dull conformity where anything different is just too risky?

Should we instead challenge ourselves to transcend traditional rules, build an innovative culture and practice of research and problem solving, in order to throw light onto the shadows rather than ignore them? What is it we need to know more about in universities in relation to their role in the world, their place for social good and the building of global diverse societies? How can higher education researchers be creative in their approaches to illuminate these areas, and to make a positive difference in the world?

The SRHE Annual International Research Conference attracts wide participation from researchers globally. It provides a stimulating international forum for papers of an empirical or scholarly nature relating to research into higher education, in the broadest sense, and from a breadth of different disciplinary perspectives. The conference is highly participative, promoting the dissemination and exchange of ideas in a variety of formats, across a range of research domains.

Submissions are invited on any research topic concerned with higher education.
No preference or weighting is given in the peer review process in relation to topic. Each year the SRHE Research Conference addresses an overarching theme, chosen for its topicality and relevance, which it aims to critique through keynote contributions and associated discussions. The selection of papers for presentation is based solely on quality.

2. Submission guidance

Please note these guidelines are applicable to the SRHE International Conference on Research into Higher Education only. Submission guidance relating to the SRHE Newer and Early Career Researchers Conference can be found at
https://www.srhe.ac.uk/conference2019/newer-researchers-conference.asp

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.

2.1 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
The quality of evidence presented, whether derived from empirical work or scholarly analysis

Empirical and scholarly research from a wide range of perspectives is welcome.

2.2 Research domains
Papers are invited for presentation under one of ten broad research domains. This aids the organisation of a thematically streamed programme. Although many papers have the potential to fall under a number of domains we ask that authors indicate their first preference. The final decision on the domain to which a paper is assigned will be made by the lead assessors as part of the peer review process.

Research Domains
Academic practice, work, careers and cultures (AP)
Access and widening participation (AWP)
The Digital University and new learning technologies (DU)
Employability, enterprise and graduate careers (EE)
Higher education policy (HEP)
International contexts and perspectives (ICP)
Learning, teaching and assessment (LTA)
Management, leadership, governance and quality (MLGQ)
Postgraduate scholarship and practice (PGSP)
Student experience (SE)

3. Presentation formats

You are invited to contribute to the conference in a variety of forms:

- Research paper
- Panel discussion
- Symposium
- Poster

We encourage presenters to share their work in creative ways and welcome different styles and formats to encourage and stimulate discussion and engagement with session participants.

3.1 Research papers

Research papers can may be:

- Papers which are advanced, or complete and where findings/analysis can be fully reported.
- Work in progress empirical/data-based studies. The work can be newly underway and presenters may not be in a position to report on final findings and analysis.
- Scholarly papers which are discussion pieces or work at the cutting edge of debate on policy and practice featuring novel arguments and exploring difficult questions.

Authors are required to submit:

Part 1 Summary: a 150 word summary of the paper which will be printed in the conference programme and online via the conference website.

Part 2 Paper: a maximum 1,000 word paper (excluding references), which will be available to download via the conference website.

The SRHE Research Conference receives a large volume of high quality submissions, especially for the presentation of individual papers. In order to provide for the inclusion of a wide range of research and scholarly work, papers accepted after peer review
will be allocated for presentation and discussion in one of three different formats:

Individual paper presentation (30 minutes)*
Individual paper presentation (15 minutes)*
Round table presentation   (30 minutes) **

* Individual presentation sessions will have an allocated Chair to manage the session.

** Round table presentation sessions will be given in parallel during a cross-domain slot. This more informal presentation format will create networking and collaborative opportunities and is designed to connect diverse perspectives.
Each paper accepted for the Roundtable session will be assigned a table and Table Host who will act as Chair and facilitate collaborative dialogue.
Due to the nature of this session presenters will not use audio visual aids, but can use print handouts as an alternative.

3.2 Panel discussion

You may submit a proposal for a Panel Discussion. A panel discussion will begin with brief presentations from panellists about a common topic followed by ample time for discussion and activities among the panellists and between the panellists and attendees.

A Panel Discussion should facilitate interaction and discussion between audience and presenters to advance knowledge of a particular research problem, theoretical content or research strategy. Rather than present results panel discussions draw from research and/or experience to foster dialogue and interaction

Propose a Panel Discussion

To submit a Panel Discussion proposal, the Panel Lead is required to:

- 150 word summary of the proposal which will be printed in the conference programme and online via the conference website.
- Submit a maximum 1000 word paper outlining the nature of the discussion. This paper should include 2-3 prepared questions to be directed at attendees during the session.
- Invite at least 3 panellists to contribute to the discussion. Each panellist's contribution should be outlined in the aforementioned 1000 word paper.
- Plan for at least 30 minutes discussion within a 75 minute time slot

3.3 Symposium

Symposia provide the opportunity to present 3 to 4 related research papers on a single theme during a 75 minute time slot. An individual proposing a Symposium (Symposium Convenor) will be responsible for the title for the session, for inviting colleagues to contribute their papers and is expected to approve the papers from their invited authors before they are submitted.

If accepted it will be for the Convenor to decide how much presentation time will be given per paper and must allow enough time for audience engagement.

A Symposium proposal submission must include:

- A 400 word rationale for the Symposium,
- the names of the Convenor and/or the Chair of the Symposium,
- name of a discussant if appropriate
- the names and details of all participating presenters plus the title of each presentation planned. Provisional titles are acceptable.

Once the Symposium proposal has been submitted, then invited contributions can then be submitted via the conference system.

Contribute a Paper to a Symposium

Only those invited by a Symposium Convenor can submit a contribution to a symposium. Your paper will be individually reviewed for its own contribution and how it relates to the symposium rationale. A symposium will not be accepted unless all papers are rated as good or excellent.

Contributing authors are required to submit:

Part 1 Summary: a 150 word summary of the proposal which will be printed in the conference programme and online via the conference website.

Part 2 Paper: a maximum 1000 word paper (excluding references), which will be available to download via the conference website.

For technical guidance on contributing a paper to a symposium please see Appendix A – How to use our submission system

3.4 Poster

Papers are invited for submission for presentation as a Poster. There will be a designated Poster Session during which time all accepted posters will be exhibited.

In addition, accepted Posters may be recommended for presentation during a breakout or roundtable session (see roundtable session). Authors will be informed in advance when and in which type of sessions they are invited to present their poster.

Authors are required to submit:

Part 1 Summary: a 150 word summary of the proposal which will be printed in the conference programme and online via the conference website.

Part 2 Paper: a maximum 1000 word paper (excluding references), which will be available to download via the conference website.

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.

The deadline for submission of all proposals to the SRHE International Research Conference is Friday 21 June 2019, 12 midnight GMT.

4. Conference Programme

The SRHE International Research Conference will begin on the morning of Wednesday 11 December 2019. Registration is open from 09.00 and the opening keynote session will commence promptly at 10.30. The Conference will end after lunch on Friday 13 December 2019 at 14.30.

4.1 Conference timetable and events

SRHE International Annual Research Conference is a participative event at which delegates presenting their own work also participate in the discussions in plenary sessions and at the presentations of the work of others. Time does not allow for sessions to be repeated. The Conference programme is therefore planned on the basis that delegates will attend the whole event over the scheduled three days.

4.2 Social and networking events 2019

Networking with colleagues is an integral part of the SRHE Conference and social events are carefully structured to offer excellent opportunities for participants to meet and converse in a relaxed atmosphere. This year, there will be a number of events:

Welcome Reception and Conference Dinner, Wednesday 11 December

This welcome reception is open to all delegates and takes place on the evening of the first day of Conference. This is followed by the opportunity to attend a buffet style Conference dinner in the Olive Tree Restaurant, sharing tables reserved exclusively for the Conference with other delegates.

An alternative option is also available for delegates to dine at one of four other restaurants in the resort, arranging to meet with specific colleagues. Dinner on this night is included in the residential conference fee. Non-resident delegates may also take dinner at the hotel on this evening for an additional fixed charge.

Reception and Conference Celebration Meal, Thursday 12 December

There will be a pre-dinner drinks reception sponsored by Routledge/Taylor and Francis on the evening of the second day of Conference.

This year, instead of a ticketed Gala Dinner, there will be a celebration meal for all conference delegates in the Caernarfon Suite, with a choice of meal options catering to different world cuisines and diets. This dinner is also included in the residential conference fee at no additional cost and aims to provide delegates with the opportunity to come together and network in a more relaxed, informal setting. The evening will then close with the traditional SRHE Disco.

More information and detailed joining instructions will be released in the autumn preceding conference.

5. Conference Registration

Delegates are advised to book accommodation as soon as possible, as space at the Celtic Manor Resort is limited. Registration as a conference delegate by 27 September 2019 also allows presenters to take advantage of the early booking discounts offered.

To register for the SRHE International Research Conference 2019 visit: www.srhe.ac.uk/conference2019

5.1 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.

5.2 Delegate Accommodation and meals

Full details of all delegate fees and options can be found on the SRHE conference website. The conference is planned as a three day residential event and the fully inclusive residential conference package offers excellent value. The Society has secured highly preferential rates for delegates taking the residential conference package and we strongly advise Conference delegates to take this option as it will represent a substantial saving.

The Conference is held at the Celtic Manor Resort Hotel, Newport, Wales.

The resort is situated only 90 minutes from London Heathrow, 45 minutes from Bristol and Cardiff-Wales International Airport and 5 minutes from the Severn Bridge (M4 Motorway). It is located close to inter-city rail services at Newport, with direct trains to Cardiff, London Paddington, and Birmingham. Further details are available from www.celtic-manor.com

5.3 Conference rates

All Conference rates * include attendance at all conference sessions and plenary events and all conference proceedings. Additional nights at the Resort, pre and post conference, can also be booked at special preferential rates.

*with the exception of Day Delegate Rate. See Day Delegate rate for more details

Residential Rates

Delegates choosing the residential package will have accommodation reserved for two nights, 11 and 12 December 2019. This package includes breakfast, lunch, teas and coffees throughout the 3 day conference, dinner on the evenings of the 11th and 12th and the two drinks receptions.

Accompanying partners

Delegates who wish to bring partners are welcome to do so at a reasonable additional cost. Details can be found when booking on-line.

Non-residential Rates

Delegates not taking the residential package and requiring accommodation for the duration of the Conference will be responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements at prevailing commercial rates. The non-residential package includes attendance at all sessions and plenary events, lunches, teas and coffees and the Welcome Drinks Reception.

Day Delegate Rate

The Conference programme is planned on the basis that delegates will attend the whole event over the scheduled three days. A day delegate rate is made available for the middle day of the Conference, Thursday 12 December, only to accommodate special circumstances. This rate includes attendance at all sessions and plenary events, lunch, teas and coffees on this day only.

6. Contact us

For all 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
    3.1 Research paper
    3.2 Proposing a symposium
    3.3 Submitting a contribution to a symposium

1. Logging in

SRHE uses Firebird conference systems to manage all submissions to the SRHE Annual Conference: **https://flame.firebird.systems/SRHE/SRHE2019/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.

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, 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.

1. Click this button to submit a RESEARCH PAPER, POSTER, PANEL DISCUSSION or if you have been invited, a SYMPOSIUM CONTRIBUTION
2. Click this tab to propose a SYMPOSIUM
3. Here you will find the Conference theme
4. Here you will find information outlining our presentation formats
5. Here you will find brief submission technical instructions
6. Information on our assessment criteria
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.
8. Our contact information.
9. This box will appear when you have submitted a symposium submission, and gives you the option of viewing and editing your submission until the closing date
10. This box will appear when you have made a paper submission, and gives you the option of viewing and editing your submission until the closing date

3. Submitting a paper

3.1 Research paper, Panel Discussion or Poster

These instructions are the same whether you are submitting a Research Paper, a Panel Discussion 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.

Step 3. You will be prompted to choose from Research Paper or Poster. You will also see the option *Symposia.* You will not be able to select this option unless you have been invited by a panel/symposium lead to do so.

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.

3.2 Proposing a symposium

Step 1. Click the button labelled 2. 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.

Unlike Research paper or Poster submissions, Symposium submissions CANNOT be edited once submitted.

Please remember – your invited contributors cannot submit a paper to your symposium until you have completed your proposal.

3.3 Submitting a contribution to a symposium

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.
Step 3. You will be prompted to choose from a number of submission options. You will see the options *Symposia* and *Panel Discussion.* Underneath these headings you will see the titles of Symposia to which you have been invited to contribute. You will not see any titles unless you have been invited by a panel/symposium lead to do so. If you cannot see the title of a

Symposium but you know you should, please contact SRHE conference team at srhe@srhe.ac.uk with your Symposim lead in copy.

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.