

# UK Systems Society

*Promoting Systems Thinking for the 21st century*

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## VIRTUAL 21<sup>ST</sup> UKSS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



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# CONFERENCE

**Advanced notification and the first call for abstracts and papers for the  
Virtual 21<sup>st</sup> United Kingdom Systems Society International Conference  
*Systems Research in the Digital Age***

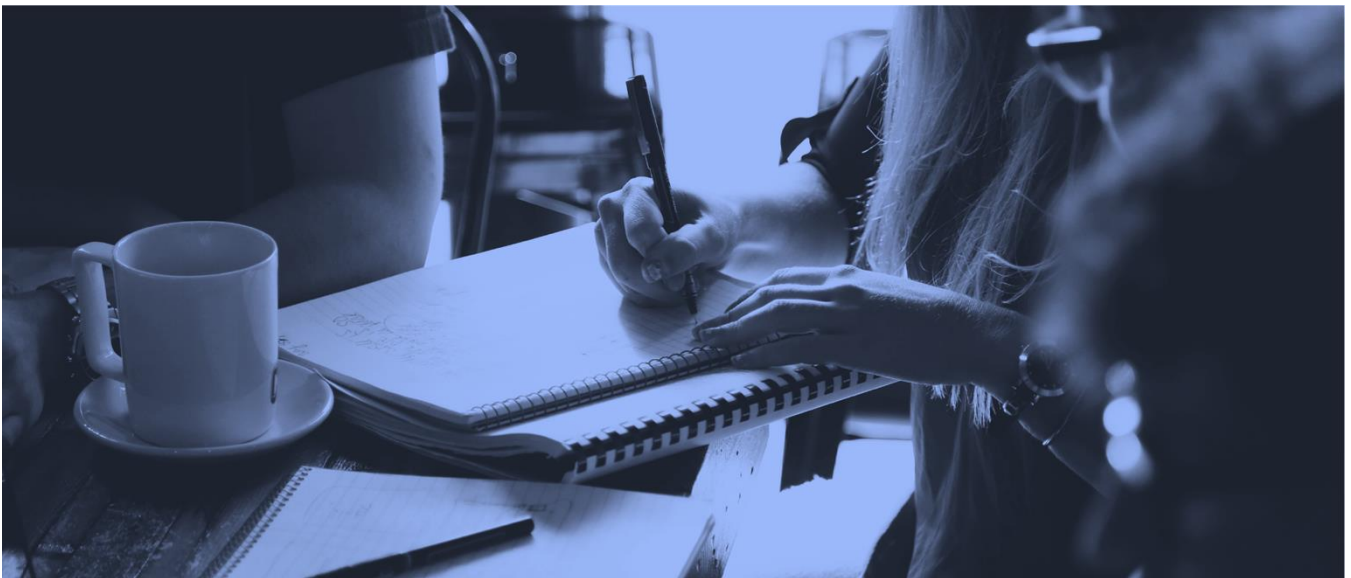
**Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2021**

**We will host the Conference using the Zoom Video Communications software  
*Practitioners and academics first call for abstracts and papers***

## Systems Research in the Digital Age

The Conference has always contemplated the two modalities of participation – face-to-face and virtual. However, given the ongoing COVID situation, the Conference is virtual.

If the current situation changes dramatically, then we will start to accept submissions for in-person participation, and delegates who uploaded an abstract or paper for virtual participation will be able to switch their modality to in-person delivery, if they prefer.



Digital technologies are continuing to revolutionise how organisations operate. The Conference's purpose is to highlight the contributions of current Systems research and how digital technology is changing how we do Systems research.

We feel the Conference should appeal to a wide range of consultancy and research topics, such as:

- Culture, environment, change and organisational improvement;
- Policing, disaster management, physical activity and health;
- Retail, social care and housing.

# CONTRIBUTION

***“Systems thinking in the digital age”*** is the Conference theme to understand effective practice.

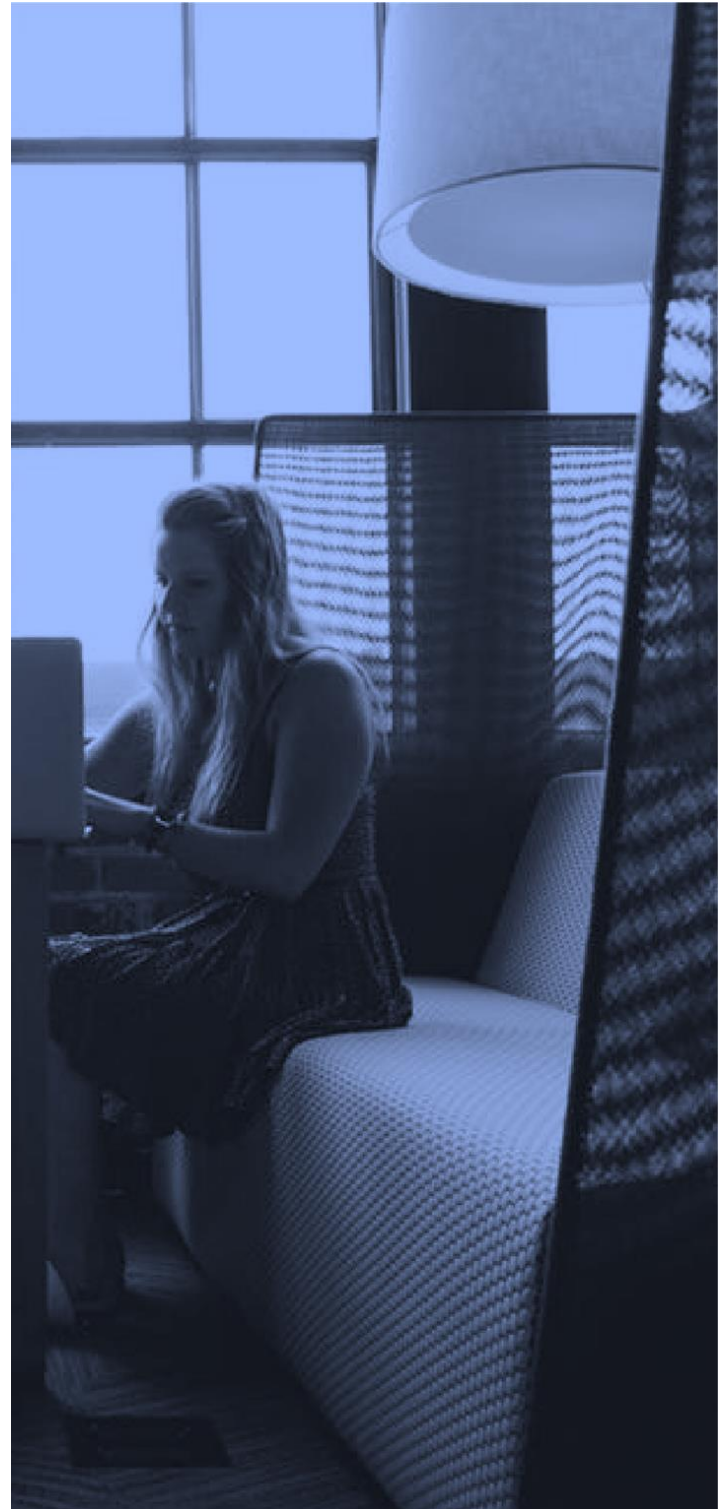
## Abstract and paper

We invite delegates to submit a proposal or contribution, which could take the form of:

- An abstract (500 words)
- A full academic paper for the Systemist (6,000 maximum and due 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021)

## Poster or workshop

An account of a practical application of Systems ideas, e.g., media file, a poster display (200-800 words) or a proposal for a workshop (1,000 words, with as much detail as possible). Please note, chosen abstracts will appear in the Conference Proceedings. Please see below for the EasyChair Submission link.



## Participation, dialogue and knowledge exchange

The Conference Programme will closely follow the 1-day format developed over the past 5- years but will not include conference dinner due to COVID. The Programme consists of keynote addresses, formal presentations, and salon-style discussion sessions in breakout rooms. Narratives about practice, poster demonstrations, and workshops in breakout rooms. The emphasis is on participation, dialogue and knowledge exchange.

## Conference registration

For further information on submissions, or to download the Conference Flyer or the Calling Notice, please see the Society's website: [UKSS 21st International Conference – UK Systems Society \(systemsforum.org\)](https://www.systemsforum.org)

Conference enquiries to the Conference Secretariat, please:

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Conference bookings through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ukss-21st-international-conference-tickets-150868438561>

## Conference timelines and fees

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Activity</i>
31 <sup>st</sup> of March to 29th May	Open for registrations
<b>The 3rd of May</b>	<b>The final deadline for abstracts and papers</b>
The 24 <sup>th</sup> of May	Return of review information to authors
The 31 <sup>st</sup> of May	Final media-ready, poster and workshop proposal contributions
The 14th of June	Deadline for registration if delegates wish us to include their abstract in the Conference Proceedings
The 21 <sup>st</sup> of June	Online Conference hosted by the Zoom software.

<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Early bird</i>	<i>General registration</i>
UKSS Member	Free	Free
Non-member	£25	£25
Student	Free	Free

Please note, all delegates will be automatically enrolled as fully-paid up members of the UKSS for 6-months and entitled to vote at the AGM.

The EasyChair Submission link is: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ukss2021>

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