



UK Systems Society

Promoting Systems Thinking for the 21st century

ADVANCED NOTIFICATION AND FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

20th UK Systems Society International Conference

24th June 2019

Systems Thinking and the Circular Economy

Executive Business Centre, Bournemouth University

First call for abstracts, extended abstracts

Conference theme

In a world where traditional conventions, business practices and modes of operation, and resources utilisation are under increasing scrutiny, how might businesses, institutes and organisations approach these things differently? The on-going problems around environmental sustainability, natural resources depletion and recycling, and alternative energy supply seem to be suggesting different approaches to business practices, modes of operation and resource usage are imperative. It is also resources in the broadest sense and approaches more than just corporate social responsibility in its various guises. Perhaps a further rethink of manufacturing and services management and logistics management is the order of the day?

If arguing a switch is necessary from the traditional linear economy to a circular economy, in what ways might systems thinking, and systems practice help business, institutions and organisations reconfigure their approaches. Is it an opportunity of positivist, interpretive and post-modernist systems academics and practitioners to deploy systems methodologies to help businesses, institutions and organisations to reconfigure their approaches? After all, skilled academics and practitioners are well versed in reconciling the environmental complexity and guiding system actors to design new models of operation. One thing is for sure though, the pressure on businesses, institutions and organisations is here to stay.

Thus, the theme of this year's conference then is ***Systems Thinking and the Circular Economy***. We invite contributions that may facilitate conversations about the role of systems thinking and systems practice operationalising different practices, modes and resources utilisation. These might come from (but are not limited to) soft systems approaches, critical systems thinking, cybernetics, complexity theory or operational research. Fields of application include banking, cybercrime, education, emergency planning, events, financial services, healthcare, hotels, information systems, leisure, logistics, manufacturing, services, sustainability and tourism.

We, of course, also welcome current or recent applications of systems methodologies such as AIM, IP, SSM, VSM and CSH, or emerging and virtual methodologies such as CVAM.

Conference structure and participation

The conference programme will follow the one-day format developed over the past four years and likely to include an evening event. The programme includes keynote addresses; formal presentations; salon-style discussion sessions, narratives about practice, poster demonstrations and workshops. The emphasis will be on participation, dialogue and knowledge exchange.

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

- An abstract (200 words or extended abstract 800 words). Chosen abstracts will appear in the conference proceedings;
- Full academic paper for the International Journal of Systems and Society (IJSS) (up to a maximum of 6,000 words and due on the 31st October 2019);
- An account of a practical application of systems ideas, e.g. media file;
- A poster display (200-800 words). There is no need to submit a poster(s) at this stage;
- A proposal for a workshop, but please give as much detail as possible about the topic and proposed format.

In all cases, please indicate, from the list above, what form delegates would like their contribution to take.

Conference registration

For further information on submissions, or to download the flyer, please see our website – www.ukss.org.uk.

Conference enquiries to the conference secretariat:

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Conference bookings through <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ukss-conference-2019-tickets-57430433974>

Conference timeline and fees

Dates	Activity
1 st March to 30 th May	Early bird registration
1st May	The final deadline for abstract, extended abstracts
24 th May	Return of review information to authors
31 st May	Final media-ready contributions
10 th June	Deadline for registration if delegates wish us to include their abstract in the conference proceedings
24 th June	Conference at the Executive Business Centre, BU.

Delegate	Early bird	General registration
UKSS Member	£75	£80
Non-member	£80	£90

Please note a nominal booking fee will apply; however, all delegates will be automatically enrolled as fully-paid up members of the UK Systems Society and entitled to vote at the AGM.

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