



U.K. Systems Society

Promoting Systems Thinking for the 21st century

ADVANCED NOTIFICATION AND FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

22nd UKSS International Conference

20th and 21st June 2022



Joined-up Thinking for a Disconnected World

In every age, there is a turning point, a new way of seeing and asserting the coherence of the world (J. Bronowsky)

Lancaster University

First call for abstracts, extended abstracts, papers

Conference theme

As we emerge from the Covid pandemic, it is abundantly clear that we, the human race, share the same ecological systems and have the same survival instincts. However, we treat things in a piecemeal fashion in our day-to-day existence and conveniently forget that all our lives are entwined. We, the human race generating waste and creating pollution, cannot blame anyone else. Never has thought in a *joined-up way* been more critical. It is appropriate this year that the conference is hosted at the University of Lancaster that, under Peter Checkland, has done so much to stimulate Systems Thinking and Practice. To this end, the conference committee agreed that the theme should focus upon the value of systems thinking and practice

and encourage contributions from across the spectrum of human concerns where the notion of holism is at its core.

Conference programme and keynote speakers

The conference programme will follow the traditional two-day format and includes a conference dinner. The programme will include two keynote addresses, with Dr Jim Scholes, Principal of the consultancy Leadership and Strategic Change LLP and Honorary Professor at Lancaster University Management School addressing the question, '*Is systems practice just common sense?*' Dr Igor Perko, Associate Professor at the University of Marbor, Faculty of Economics and Business and director-general in World Organisation of Systems and Cybernetics (WOSC), will then address the question, '*what is the value of thinking systemically?*' In addition, delegate presentations, salon-style discussion sessions, narratives about practice, poster demonstrations and workshops. The emphasis will be on participation, dialogue, and knowledge exchange.



Professor Stowell at an earlier conference with guest speaker and Gold Medallist Fritjov Capra on the right, and Peter Reason on the left of the picture

Conference delegates

Submissions are encouraged from all aspects of Systems Thinking and Systems Practice, including finding out, such as methods and methodologies, sustainability and the environmental impact of waste, food systems and the challenge of feeding and watering the world. Systems in education, health, social care, environmental and government. The impact of A.I. on social systems and social media and governance. Business systems, online shopping, the decline of the high street, banking and financial systems, and the emergence of cryptocurrencies.

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

- 200-words abstract, or 800-words extended abstract due on the 6th of May 2022. Chosen abstracts will appear in the conference proceedings.
- 6,000-words academic paper for the *Systemist*, Journal of the United Kingdom Systems Society and due on the 3rd of June 2022.
- The practical application of systems ideas reported in an account other than abstract, paper or poster, such as a 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.
- Abstracts and extended abstracts will be via the EasyChair submission system (please see the link below).

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

The EasyChair conference link is:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ukss2022>



Delegates at St. Annes College, Oxford University

Conference registration, timeline, and fees

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

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ukss-22nd-international-conference-tickets-269589488417>

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Activity</i>
31 st February to 31 st May	Open for registrations
The 6th of May	The final deadline for abstracts, extended abstracts
The 27th of May	Return of review information to authors
The 3rd of June	Final media-ready contributions and papers
The 10th of June	Deadline for registration if delegates wish us to include their abstract in the conference proceedings
20 th -21 st June	Conference at Lancaster University.

<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Early bird</i>	<i>General registration</i>
UKSS Member	£75	£80
Non-member	£80	£90
Student	£20	£25

Please note that all delegates will be automatically enrolled as fully-paid up members of the U.K. Systems Society for 6-months and entitled to vote at the AGM.

Conference secretariat

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