

**Call for Papers and Panels**  
**11th International Social Innovation Research Conference**  
The Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health, Glasgow Caledonian University  
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## **Social Innovation in Energy Transitions**

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Social innovation (SI) is gaining momentum in many parts of the world, in many different fields. While not a panacea, SI is a radical shift away from a mechanistic and technocratic view of solving world's problems through technologies, proposing instead to prioritize the needs of the societies involved. In terms of the current worldwide transition to clean energy, SI is present in many forms, e.g. through community owned energy services to novel approaches to sharing costs, risks and benefits of energy production. SI is also driving decentralized power generation and distribution in many countries and increasing citizens' participation and cooperation in energy services. While the study of SI in energy and other socio-technical transitions is gaining momentum, methodological rigour, and ontological understanding can still be greatly improved. We believe that the proposed panel offers a necessary and timely forum for discussions around this complex and emerging theme in order to advance the boundaries of the field.

The objective of this panel is to bring together academics and practitioners who study or are engaged in SI in sustainable energy transitions, whether transformative or otherwise. We welcome them to share their experiences, discuss the methods and models they have used in implementing SI in energy transitions, and describe the impacts that they have seen in societies in transition.

We invite contributions which deal with, but not limited to;

- SI methods and models implemented in energy transitions
- Case studies in emerging or less-well studied countries and regions
- SI at different geographical scales of energy transitions: local, national, regional and global
- Institutional and organisational forms for SI in energy transitions.
- The quantitative and qualitative perspectives for analysis of SI in energy transitions
- SI in community energy
- Stakeholder and participatory (dis)engagement, (dis)empowerment and (in)equity through SI in energy transitions
- Enablers and barriers for SI in energy transitions
- Quantification of impact of SI in energy transitions
- The role of connections and social networks

**Guidelines:**

Paper abstracts must be maximum 300 words, excluding references. They should articulate: the research objectives or questions being addressed; the conceptual or theoretical perspectives informing the work; where appropriate, the methodology utilised; and the contribution of the paper to knowledge in light of the conference themes.

Optional full paper submission for consideration in best paper awards is due no later than 31st July 2019.

A maximum of two abstracts may be submitted per presenter (joint papers to be presented by coauthors will also be considered).

All paper abstracts must be submitted to [isirc2019@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:isirc2019@gcu.ac.uk). On abstract submission please ensure you advise the conference stream.

Panel proposals must be maximum 400 words, excluding references. They should include: the panel purpose and its relationship to the nominated conference stream; details of (minimum) three and (maximum) four papers and paper presenters to be included in the panel; and the expected contribution to the panel.

All panel proposals must be submitted to [isirc2019@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:isirc2019@gcu.ac.uk).

Abstract and panel proposals submission: Closes 28th February 2019

Decision on submissions: Notification by 31st March 2019

Full papers submitted for consideration in best paper awards due: 31st July 2019

Enquiries about conference administration and technical issues related to online submission should be directed to the conference administration team at [isirc2019@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:isirc2019@gcu.ac.uk)