

**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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## **Technology & Digital Social Innovation**

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We invite abstracts for papers and panel proposals that investigate and demonstrate technology and social innovation.

Technologies, including digital technologies, are being increasingly used to enhance the capacity of civil society, citizens and government to engage stakeholders, empower people and tackle challenges in areas as diverse as education, healthcare, democracy, transparency and accountability, migration, inequality, social exclusion and environment. Examples include crowdfunding, citizen science, social use of geographic information systems, online time banks and the use of technologies in rural healthcare.

Research has explored challenges to the growth of technology as a tool in social innovation, including the funding landscape; adoption by the public sector and civil society; and the difficulty in engaging citizens and finding sustainable business models. Amid ongoing economic difficulties and widespread lack of resources in governments and the public sector, the potential of technology to empower communities and tackle social challenges is clear. At the same time, technology and social innovation have been under-investigated in academic research.

In this stream, we invite papers on the following (non-exhaustive) list of topics:

- The role of technology in future social innovations;
- Managerial and entrepreneurial challenges;
- Organisational dynamics and business models;
- Technology and social innovation ecosystems, networks and network effects;
- Efficiency, resilience, scaling and reducing duplication;
- Engagement and user incentives;
- Adoption of technology by the public sector and civil society organisations;
- Case studies in specific social areas (e.g. health and care, education, sustainability, regional development, disability, digital exclusion).

**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)