

**Call for Papers and Panels**  
**11th International Social Innovation Research Conference**  
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## **Universities Enabling Social Innovation**

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The role that locality and geography play in the creation of social innovation ecosystems and specifically social enterprises has seen significant research over the last decade (Defourny and Nyssens, 2010; Galera and Borzaga, 2009; Hazenberg et al., 2016; Kerlin, 2013). However, whilst much of this previous research focus has been centred upon national and regional contexts globally, less attention has been paid to the differences and factors that influence social innovation ecosystems at the local level (i.e. town/municipality). Furthermore, previous research has identified that the institutional context of a given locality is of paramount importance in shaping the types of social enterprise that emerge (Mendell, 2010), along with socio-economic and political factors (Doherty et al., 2009). Among other institutional actors, Universities are key institutional players within their localities since they have been shown to have significant economic and social impacts on their communities (Bonner, 1968; Glasson, 2003). In this stream, we seek to explore the role that Universities can play in driving the development and sustainability of social innovation ecosystems in their locality. More specifically, this panel aims to compare Universities' approaches and strategies in creating social innovation in different regional/national contexts. Themes to be explored include the role that Universities can play in supporting social innovators through: education; resource acquisition/provision; network creation; and policy advocacy/innovation. It will also explore how regional/transnational university collaborations and networks might combine and strengthen engagement at a local level. The stream will, therefore, contribute to the field of social innovation by identifying different support mechanisms that exist for social innovators provided by Higher Education Institutions.

**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)