

Guidelines for Paper Submission (for Extended Abstract)

All submissions must be written in English language and must be made in Microsoft Word format (.doc/docx) only.

Authors are invited to submit manuscripts for review covering -

- Conceptual analyses and theoretical presentations.
- Short concept statements and alternative interpretations of phenomena and prior research findings.
- Critiques, rebuttals, and planned debates.
- Integrative literature reviews and meta-analyses that produce important new insights and research questions.

Manuscripts will be initially screened by the Technical Committee for adherence to these guidelines, in particular for originality, readability, and potential contribution to the literature. Those passing this screening will then be subject to a double blind peer review process.

- An extended abstract is a short paper where the research work is presented in a concise way.
- The aim of an extended abstract is to share ideas and results in a way that is easily accessible to the readers/audience.
- The extended abstract must include all relevant aspects and information expected in a regular research paper without being too detailed. A common disposition is to divide it into the sections (although this is not obligatory).

Extended abstract should conform to the following guidelines:

TITLE *Authors Affiliation*

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Keywords: *(Maximum eight words)*

Abstract: The abstract should give a clear indication of the objectives, scope, methods, results and conclusion of your work. All manuscripts must include a 100-150 word abstract typed on a separate page.

Introduction: The introduction usually contains a background and/or a motivation for the research including comparison to related research.

Objectives: The objectives of the research paper summarize what is to be achieved by the research study.

Theory: A brief description of the theoretical foundations, research framework, etc. that is relevant to the work presented.

Methods: This section should describe what was done to answer the research question, describe how it was done, justify the research design, and explain how the results were analyzed.

Results: Presentation of the result obtained. If possible, use descriptive figures or tables rather than explain in text. Do not discuss or interpret the results at this stage.

Discussion: Discuss the results. What conclusions can you draw? Put results in perspective by comparing to other studies or generally accepted knowledge in the field. Critically evaluate your own method and results with respect to the simplifications made.

References: Please include references prepared according to the American Psychological Association (APA) 6.0 Guidelines (refer www.apastyle.org).

The extended abstract will be assessed with respect to the applied method and the correct use of it, the relevance of the introduced simplifications, the relevance of the introduction, results and discussion, the ability to clearly pass on the message, and the overall impression.

Don't overlook the importance of the introduction, figures, examples, and conclusions (and measurements if applicable) in an extended abstract.

Things that can be omitted from an extended abstract: future work, details of proofs or implementation that should seem plausible to reviewers, ramifications not relevant to the key ideas of the abstract.

General Guidelines

Please follow strictly the following general guidelines:

- Paper size: Standard A4
- Font and size: Times New Roman 12 pt, line space double.
- Margins: 1" on all sides
- Justified text
- Do not include page headers and footers.
- Major section headings ("Heading 1" style), bold face; minor or "Heading 2" headings should be all italic.
- All figures/tables should be integrated in the text. The figure caption style should have the same font and size as the main text.
- Word count: 1,000 to 2,500 words including the abstract.

Accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings (to be printed in black and white). Please ensure that the manuscript has been "spell-checked" and "grammar-checked". Designate one author as the corresponding author to facilitate communication, should there be more than one author.

All abstracts should be based on original work. Plagiarism constitutes grounds for disqualification.

- Accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings provided at least one of the authors will register and present the paper.
- ***All rights of publication of papers presented in the Conference shall rest with the Conference Organizers.***