



3rd Annual South East European Doctoral Student Conference 26-27 June 2008

Thessaloniki - Greece
www.seerc.org/dsc2008

Introduction

The past two Doctoral Student conferences with last year's event attracting over 120 papers from countries of South East Europe and beyond (UK, France, Germany, Holland, Slovenia, Hungary, Poland and as far as Ukraine), confirmed the need for Doctoral Students to come together, discuss their experiences and gain external feedback to their work as well as listen to the progress and methodology of fellow PhD candidates. The success of the previous events set the tone for the organisation of yet another Doctoral conference based on the experiences gained so far:

SEERC is pleased to announce the organisation of the 3rd Annual South East European Doctoral Student conference.

Aim

The aim of the conference is to initiate an exchange of knowledge between young researchers and to help establish a network of scholars currently undertaking research on South East Europe. Having identified academic isolation as a problem that many doctoral students face today, SEERC brings researchers together for establishing collaborative links between disciplines, for testing the ground for innovative ideas and for engaging the wider academic community.

Who can participate?

The Conference is open for participation to young researchers currently undertaking doctoral study, or in the early years of their research career (up to 2 years following the award of their PhD degree). It has an inter-disciplinary focus and its themes reflect the Research Tracks within SEERC.

All papers will be presented at the Conference to an expert panel of academics and other PhD Conference participants. Each presentation will be followed by questions from the audience and presenters will receive comments/feedback from the panel members. **The accepted papers that will be presented will be included in the Proceedings published by SEERC.** In addition, there will be a general discussion session guided by the panel discussants and participants, addressing various issues on PhD work and research experience in general.

The following topics are encouraged but are not exclusive:

Research Track 1: Enterprise, Innovation & Development	
Foreign Direct Investment	Finance & Financial Systems
Supply Chain Management	Logistics
Quality Management	Labour Economics
Corporate Finance	SME Competitiveness & Development Policies

Corporate Governance	Organisational Analysis
Human Resources Management	Change Management
Public Management	Business Strategy
Strategic Management	Marketing
Knowledge Management	
Research Track 2: Information & Communication Technologies	
Intelligent Systems	Information & Knowledge Management
Service Oriented Software Engineering	Semantic Web Technologies
Testing & Verification of Software Systems	Modeling and Model Checking
Multi-agent Systems	Biologically Inspired Computation
Educational Informatics	Health Informatics
Geographical Information Systems	Simulation
Information Society	
Research Track 3: Governance, Politics and Society	
European Integration	International Relations
Migration & Mobility	Ethnicity
Conflict & Peace	Multi-level Governance
Media & Representation	Public Administration
Social Policy	Balkan Cinema
Minorities	Ethno-linguistics
Nations and Nationalism	Identities
The globalization of culture	
Research Track 4: Risk and Well-being	
Sustainable Development	Substance Abuse
Psychological Aspects of chronic disease	Health Education
Mental Health	Cognitive Neuroscience
Energy Policy	Energy Economics

Workshops

This year a workshop on skills building for doctoral candidates will form part of the programme. Doctoral students will have the chance to find out useful information on "How to Write a paper for a Journal" and also to sharpen their presentation skills through tips for successful presentations.

Publication of Papers

All papers accepted for presentation will be edited and published in proceedings. Selected and best papers will be double-blind refereed and accepted papers will be published in special issues of the **International Journal of Innovation and Regional Development** (www.inderscience.org/ijird)

Bursaries

SEERC is pleased to announce that **bursaries of 150 euros** will be awarded to a number of PhD students that will present their papers to the 3rd South East European Annual Doctoral Student Conference. This constitutes an effort to facilitate the participation of young researchers from the South East European region to the Doctoral Student Conference.

The basic criterion for awarding the bursaries will be the academic excellence of the full paper as decided by the Programme Committee. The authors of the successful papers will be notified via e-mail and the bursaries will be awarded to them on the last day of the Conference in Thessaloniki.

Important Deadlines (Extended):

Extended Abstract submission	15th February 2008 29th February 2008
Notification of acceptance	14th March 2008 21st March 2008
Submission of FULL - camera ready paper	5th May 2008

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Below find the template for the Abstract submission

Format of Extended Abstracts

The extended abstracts should follow the headlines indicated below:

Purpose-

Design/methodology/approach -

Findings -

Research limitations/implications -

Practical Implications -

Originality / value -

Keywords -

Moreover up to 2 pages of free text explaining the paper could be used. Please note that the extended abstract should not exceed 1500 words.

How to Submit a Paper

Please note that all submissions will be done through the conference management system, **EasyChair**. The link for submission is:

<http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=dsc2008>.

For questions or further information please contact:

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