

Call for Papers

iConference 2021 Virtual Workshop

March 17th, 2021 3pm-7pm (EDT)

“Supporting and Engaging Diverse and Socially Vulnerable Populations with Technology Adoption Amid COVID-19”

Overview:

We are delighted to invite you to submit your manuscript for presentation at the virtual workshop “Supporting and Engaging Diverse and Socially Vulnerable Populations with Technology Adoption Amid COVID-19” during the [iConference 2021](#).

Due to inequities in society, certain populations have faced barriers to education, healthcare, employment, and access to resources, which has been accentuated amid the COVID-19 pandemic. These socially vulnerable populations often include underserved and marginalized groups. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted many inequities and challenges for said populations especially in regards to technology. Due to the inequities present prior to the pandemic and especially in the face of recovery from the pandemic, a fresh perspective is needed.

The workshop will provide a forum for people to discuss key issues and lessons learned on technology adoption among socially vulnerable populations during COVID-19. By definition, socially vulnerable populations may differ from region to region. In the United States, those often marginalized and underserved include people with disabilities, certain racial and ethnic minorities, older adults, and children, among several others. In general, these populations tend to face disproportionate difficulties before, during, and after major disasters. This multidisciplinary workshop will facilitate lively discussions on the implications of these challenges from a variety of disciplines across an international environment.

Authors of accepted workshop submissions are invited to develop full papers and submit them to the special issue of [Data and Information Management](#) following the workshop.

Topics:

The topics of interest for this call for submissions include but are not limited to:

- Technology use
- Information literacy
- Healthcare technology
- Healthcare mis/disinformation
- Tele-health or online health consulting
- Education
- Lifestyle

- Employment
- Theories and practices
- International perspectives

Submission Details:

Authors are invited to submit their paper for a workshop presentation (between 3000 and 8000 words) that would typically include research question(s)/problem(s), brief literature review, methodology or research design, findings, discussion, conclusions, future work, etc. Please submit your manuscript to xyuan@albany.edu on/or before February 28, 2021.

Submissions will be peer-reviewed. At least one of the authors of each accepted submission is expected to register and attend the virtual workshop. Authors should present their accepted submissions at the virtual workshop held on March 17, 2021.

All papers must be original contributions. The material must therefore not have been previously published or be under review for publication elsewhere. All contributions must be written in English and must follow the template of *[Data and Information Management](#)*.

For inquires, contact the workshop organizers at xyuan@albany.edu.

Important dates:

February 28, 2021: Deadline for submissions to the workshop

Mar 5, 2021: Notification of acceptance

Mar 17, 2021: Workshop date

May 31, 2021: Deadline for submissions to the special issue of *[Data and Information Management](#)*

Organizers:

For further details please contact the organizers of this workshop:

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