iConference 2022—Information for a Better World: Shaping the Global Future

Call for Participation

* **Dates:** Feb. 28 – Mar. 4, 2022
* **Conference website:** https://ischools.org/the-iconference
* **Queries:** staff@ischools-inc.org

Please join us for the 17th annual iConference, presented by the iSchools organization and co-hosted by the University of Texas at Austin, University College Dublin, and Kyushu University.

The iConference is an annual gathering of a broad spectrum of scholars and researchers from around the world who share a common interest about critical information issues in contemporary society. Since 2005, the iConference has fostered interdisciplinary discourses that push boundaries of information studies. Visit the iConference website for more, including sample topics and links to past proceedings.

All information scholars, researchers, and practitioners are encouraged to make submissions, as defined below; affiliation with the iSchools is not required.

About the 2022 Event
The global pandemic has profoundly impacted the means by which we work, play, learn, research, and interact. However, the world did not experience this pandemic equally; long standing inequities were exposed and made worse. Even as we have come to rely more on information technologies for maintaining our connections to each other, we have become more keenly aware that the benefits are not equally distributed and that such connection comes with costs. Sadly, more information by itself does not lead to a more just world.

But as we look forward to building our post-COVID-19 realities, we can demand of ourselves and each other information for a better world. How can information help us pay closer attention to justice, equity, sustainability, and empowerment of the most vulnerable members of our societies? What should our institutions – government, the private sector, civil society – look like for the betterment of all? How can our workplaces, schools, universities, research labs, libraries, museums, and other institutions and organizations, physical and virtual, be constituted collectively so that we can build a better world?

In iConference 2022, we invite participants to reflect through their research and engagement on these issues. Our principles – commitment to sustainable development; equity, diversity, and inclusion; openness; global reach – are reflected in our hoped-for practices for this conference. Our distributed organizational team spans three continents and multiple ethnicities and genders; our virtual conference minimizes our carbon footprint; our commitment to openness is reflected in opening events to our local publics and publishing our work in open-access repositories.

Research Presentations
The iConference seeks Full Research Papers, Short Research Papers, and Posters for online presentation during the conference. All submission will undergo vigorous double-blind review. Accepted papers will be published in Springer's *Lecture Notes in Computer Science;* papers authors may also upload their work to their institutional repository, as well as the IDEALS open repository if they so choose. Posters will be published in the IDEALs open repository. See website for submission guidelines.

Interactive Events
The iConference seeks proposals for an array of creative and interactive sessions, including Workshops and all manner of Sessions for Interaction and Engagement. All 2022 interactive events will be virtual. Proposals may range from a single 90-minute session to all-day. See website for proposal guidelines.

Colloquia and Symposium
The iConference will continue its tradition of special meetings that prepare and mentor future thought leaders. Currently enrolled Ph.D. Students may apply for our Doctoral Colloquium, while our Early Career Colloquium serves those who have recently earned their Ph.D., including early career researchers, post-doctoral fellows and assistant professors. Master's and undergraduate students are encouraged to apply to our Student Symposium. These meetings and mentoring sessions will be held online. See website for application deadlines.

Timeline
* Submission portal opens: July 2021
* Submission deadlines: Early Fall 2021
* Decision notifications: November 2021
* Registration opens: November 2021
* Conference Dates: February 28 – March 4, 2022

Important Links
* Conference Home: https://ischools.org/iConference
* Submission Tracks: https://ischools.org/Program/
* Past Proceedings: https://ischools.org/Past-Proceedings
* Facebook: IConference: https://www.facebook.com/IConference/
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