



Pushing Boundaries: Innovating Mixed Methods for the Future

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2024 MMIRA Global Conference (in-person)

11-12 July, 2024,

Montego Bay Convention Centre, Montego Bay, Jamaica

The Mixed Methods International Research Association (MMIRA) is holding its biennial Global Conference, with the theme '**Pushing Boundaries: Innovating Mixed Methods for the Future**' on 11 & 12 July, 2024. This conference will be held at the Montego Bay Convention Centre, Montego Bay, Jamaica and mixed methods researchers from around the globe are invited to participate. The main conference will be held 11 & 12 July, with optional workshops running on 13 July 2024.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline – 4 December, 2023

Acceptance Notification – 22 January, 2024

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Academics, students, and others with an interest in mixed methods are invited to submit abstracts addressing the main conference theme by selecting one of the following sub-themes:

- Philosophical, Research Design and Integration and Fusion
- Data Analytics and Visualization
- Ethical Considerations in Big Data Research
- Mixed Methods Approaches to Data Collection
- Integrating Machine Learning and Human Expertise

- Big Data in discipline-specific research
- Data-driven Decision Making
- Data Quality and Validation
- Data Governance and Policy

Guidelines for Preparing Abstracts

Abstracts that align with the conference theme are invited from individuals and collaborative groups in any discipline interested in and engage in empirical mixed methods research and conceptual/theoretical with a strong methodological focus for all papers submitted. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and may be submitted by individual researchers or research groups. Individuals are limited to THREE presentations (including ONE poster).

*Note: For this **methodologically-oriented conference** – where participants come from diverse disciplinary backgrounds – work presented should use a mixed methods approach with an emphasis on the methods used, or the topic discussed be relevant to the field and use of mixed methods.*

Abstracts must be formatted as follows:

- **Title** (no more than 15 words)
- **Background:** description of the problem
- **Purpose:** research objectives, research question(s) and/or hypotheses
- **Design and Methods:** research design, sampling strategy, description of participants, data collection procedures and instruments, data analysis approaches
- **Findings** (*if available*): summary of specific results
- **Conclusions and Implications:** main outcome(s) of the research (*if available*), implications for practice, policy or further research
- **Keywords:** (up to 5)
- **Presentation Format:** select from paper, round table, symposium, poster, workshop

Please note: Corresponding authors must submit abstracts in the online submission form. All correspondence relating to submissions will be communicated to corresponding authors for dissemination to authors and presenters.

- Abstracts must be complete and formatted according to the guidelines provided. Incomplete or incorrect submissions will be returned to the corresponding author for correction and resubmission.
- Abstracts for works-in-progress should indicate the expected results and a timeframe within which the work should be completed. Authors will be allowed to update abstracts

within a reasonable time for inclusion in the conference programme, otherwise, they will be published as is.

- Submitting abstracts to this conference indicates that authors have read, understood and will comply with the Terms and Conditions outlined in the abstract submission portal.
- Corresponding authors will be notified of the acceptance decision via email by 22 January 2024. Ensure that contact details are accurate.
- Due to the number of submissions, authors may not get their first choice of presentation format; conference organisers will communicate with authors in that case.
- Presenters are expected to present themselves in the presentation room 15 minutes before the session begins.
- Presenters will be provided with the use of a multimedia projector and screen, computer, and document presenter.
- Authors of successful abstracts are recommended to submit their PowerPoint presentations or poster PDF to the conference organisers before the conference date.

Opportunity for Publication of Papers

Submitted abstracts accepted via the double-blind review process will be published in the conference programme. Authors of select papers at the top of each theme will be invited to submit their abstract for peer-review consideration for publication in the Journal of Mixed Methods Research. The deadline for these selected papers will be communicated to the authors.

Conference Presentation Formats:

Paper Session: - A paper session is a seminar that allows three individual authors or groups of authors to orally present their research and/or theoretical papers findings in no more than 20 minutes. At the end of the three presentations, 20 minutes are reserved for open discussions between the presenters and the audience.

Round Table: - A round table discussion is a purposeful, inclusive and participatory conversation about a specific topic in a small-group setting about works-in-progress among presenters and attendees. Round tables are reserved for novice researchers and graduate students. Each round table will accommodate three presenters. Each presenter will have 15 minutes to share their research, which is followed by a 45-minutes discussion with the audience led by a moderator. Presenters should provide the audience with a 2-page summary that includes their name, institutional affiliation, research topic, research questions, key findings, conclusions, and main references cited.

Symposium: - A symposium is a self-organised seminar comprising at least three papers on a common theme related to the conference theme. It comprises a session chair, at least three presenters, and a discussant. A symposium is 90 minutes, including 30 minutes reserved for

audience participation. Symposium organisers must identify presenters, a session chair and a discussant. The symposium proposal must include a 500-word abstract describing the symposium theme and justifying its relevance to the conference theme and a 300-word abstract for each paper included in the symposium. The symposium organiser should respond to the call for abstracts and add the presenters as other authors. The symposium must demonstrate cohesiveness across presentations to the conference theme and will be considered as a whole.

The submission should be formatted as follows:

- TITLE: Symposium Title (up to 15 words)
- ABSTRACT: description of the symposium (up to 500 words)
- Paper 1: Title and Abstract (up to 300 words)
- Paper 2: Title and Abstract (up to 300 words)
- Paper 3: Title and Abstract (up to 300 words)

Poster: - A research poster is a graphical summary of a research proposal or completed project by an individual or a group of researchers. Posters will be displayed on portable walls in the conference venue and should measure 36”x 24” in portrait orientation. Presenters will stand adjacent to their posters during poster sessions to answer questions from the audience. Individual presenters are limited to presenting ONE poster. Presenters should provide a 2-page summary of their research for the audience to take away.

Workshop: - A workshop is a self-organised seminar that engages participants in considerable interactive activities and discussions related to the conference theme. Workshops are 90 minutes and will accommodate up to 30 participants. Workshop facilitators must make their own arrangements for providing the necessary learning materials and resources for the session. Workshop proposers should submit a 500-word abstract that includes the workshop title, a description of the content, how it will be delivered and what participants are expected to gain. Include a list of technical equipment you will provide and others you may need from conference organisers.

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