

HEIT 2016

THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN TRANSFORMATION

OSHAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2016

THIS YEAR'S THEME

DESIGNING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

CALL FOR PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND WORKSHOPS

FEBRUARY 15, 2016

SPONSORING INSTITUTIONS

| Canada | Ireland (Technology University for Dublin TU4D consortium) |
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| University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) | Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT) |
| Durham College | Institute of Technology, Tallaght Dublin (ITTD) |
| Trent University | Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown Dublin (ITB) |

Within the context of a rapidly changing higher education landscape internationally, a group of universities and higher education institutes from Canada and Ireland will host a **Joint Symposium consisting of a 1-day series of workshops followed by a 2-day conference.**

The symposium **will be held in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, November 2-4, 2016.** This year's overall theme is Designing Higher Education for the Twenty-First Century. This theme addresses the many ways that colleges and universities are actively reinventing and reinvigorating higher education. The general theme of design is broken out into 3 sub themes:

1. Designing Higher Education Systems and Institutions
2. Designing the Curriculum and Pedagogy
3. Designing Student Experience Supports

Workshops and presentations may address these themes either in the broad context of the university as a whole or they may address the themes as they play out in specific disciplinary or professional contexts. We welcome submissions that fall within or cut across these sub-topic streams.

Who should attend?

This symposium of workshops and conference will be of interest to educational professionals within universities and institutes of higher education at third and fourth level, including senior management, faculty, professional services, government officials and higher education authorities internationally. The conference papers will also be of interest to members of industry with a research and development function, who collaborate with higher education, or have a strategic interest in the direction of higher education.

Papers and Workshops

The call for papers is followed below by a call for workshops.

Call for Conference Paper Proposals

The higher education sector is in a period of active redesign at many levels from overall system structures to curriculum and pedagogy and student experiences. We are Designing Higher Education for the 21st Century.

At this symposium we will examine issues that are directly relevant to these topic areas as part of the overall theme of Designing Higher Education for the 21st Century. Some details on each of these areas are set out below.

1. Designing Higher Education Systems and Institutions

In many countries including Canada and Ireland there is an active consideration of the structure and nature of higher education. Topics in this area include:

- a) Establishing new types of institutions for a jurisdiction including technical universities, polytechnics, research universities, degree granting colleges, and teaching only universities.
- b) Revised funding formulas
- c) Entrepreneurial initiatives by institutions
- d) Collaborations with community and industrial partners
- e) Accountability demands from government and various publics
- f) Shifting and escalating demands for skills outcomes
- g) Credit and program transferability mechanisms within and across institutional types

2. Designing Curriculum and Pedagogy

Curriculum and pedagogical design are presently in the forefront of many changes in higher education. Traditional input and discipline-based curricula are being challenged. Topics in this area include:

- a) Outcomes based curriculum design
- b) Quality assurance and accreditation forces in curriculum design
- c) Universal design
- d) Communications technologies including online synchronous and asynchronous messaging, streaming and social media
- e) Pedagogies and curriculum design
- f) Work placement and engagement activities in curriculum design

3. Designing Student Experiences

Our increasingly diverse student bodies present higher education institutions with ever shifting and expanding needs for support. Correspondingly there has been a growth in student support services and programs. Topics in this area include:

- a) Academic support services
- b) Disability accommodation and support policies and supports
- c) Cultural minority supports
- d) First generation in higher education issues and supports
- e) Co-curriculum coordination and recognition
- f) Workplace skills ancillary programs
- g) Part-time and mature students
- h) International students and student exchanges
- i) Engaging racialized students

HEIT 2016 invites papers and sessions that address any aspect of the above topic areas. Prospective participants should indicate where they consider their contribution as fitting within the 3 sub-themes of the conference. We recognize that these sub-themes are not silos and that some prospective participants may find that their contribution will span more than one of these topic areas.

Abstracts for the conference are invited for 20-minute presentations with 10-minute discussion. Interested educators and researchers are invited to submit a provisional abstract of no more than 500 words with the names of the presenters, their affiliations, and the thematic area(s) for the submission.

Accepted papers from conference participants will be included in the online symposium proceedings.

The abstract and paper submission schedule and method is set out below.

Call for workshop proposals

In addition to papers, we invite proposals for workshops that are broadly connected to the main conference themes. The format of a workshop is flexible and can range from thematically related discussion papers with a roundtable discussion, for thought leadership and insight development, to more practical skills development workshops. Proposers of a thematic 'discussion papers' workshop will need to supply abstracts for the workshop and at least 2 workshop papers. Proposals for skills-based workshops will need to specify the format of the workshop and any special requirements including time duration. The workshop proposers will be responsible for organising the workshop and attracting the workshop participants, and will be required to work in conjunction with the local support team in Oshawa. Workshop participants must register for the symposium.

Workshop proposals must include:

1. Name(s) and affiliation(s) or the workshop proposer(s)
2. Theme of the workshop and background

3. Type of workshop proposed
 - a. For a *thematic discussion* workshop, supply the titles and abstracts of the workshop talks
 - b. For a *skills development* workshop, supply the function, purpose and any infrastructure requirements

Abstract, Paper and Workshop Submission Schedule

February 15, 2016 – Paper abstract and workshop submission deadline

March 15, 2016 – Program Committee acceptance and feedback to authors and workshop organizers

June 15, 2016 – Full Paper Submission Deadline for inclusion in the program – Final workshop details submitted

August 1, 2016 – Program Committee feedback on papers and workshops

October 1, 2016 – Final edited version of papers due

Online Abstract, Paper and Workshop Proposal Submission

Conference abstracts and workshop proposals must be submitted online via the conference online submission system:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=heit2016>

Correspondence on abstracts and papers is managed from within the online submission system. Some elements of correspondence around workshop logistics may be handled outside of the online submission system.

We look forward to seeing you at HEIT 2016

Organizing Higher Education Institutions:

- **Canada:**
 - University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT),
 - Durham College,
 - Trent University,
- **Ireland:**
 - Institute of Technology Blanchardstown Dublin (ITB),
 - Institute of Technology Tallaght Dublin (ITTD),
 - Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT)

Co-Chairs:

Dr. Brian Campbell (University of Ontario Institute of Technology)
Dr. Larry McNutt (Technological University for Dublin)

WEBSITES AND LINKS:

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