

## East Midlands Doctoral Network (EMDoc) 2020 Conference

9-10<sup>th</sup> September 2020, **hosted online** by De Montfort University

Calling all doctoral students!

We would like to invite you\* to the 2020 East Midlands Doctoral Network (EMDoc) Postgraduate Research Conference, which takes place on 9-10<sup>th</sup> September 2020. EMDoc consists of nine universities who are keen to work collaboratively to share best practice, resources and insights into doctoral research across all disciplines. The EMDoc Conference is a great opportunity for you to discuss and promote your research as well as meet and network with other researchers from across the East Midlands.

In this year's Conference, you are invited to explore the theme '**Sustainability**' through oral and poster presentations. This theme was decided jointly by the EMDoc Network. The term sustainability has broadly been defined as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". While many might think sustainability research focuses on only climate change work, the concept has much broader implications as it intertwines into various facets of society. This is evident in the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#), which highlight how the themes are interconnected and interdisciplinary. Research on sustainability address challenges faced by current or past populations, often linked strongly to broad themes of peace, justice, poverty, inequality and climate change.

You can consider this theme within your work and reflect on how you can communicate your research with the public. This can include engagement with communities, external partners, collaborative research, participatory arts and outreach to businesses, charities, hospitals or schools.

During the Conference, selected doctoral students will give ten-minute live-streamed presentations or present a poster presentation relevant to the Conference's theme. The Conference aims to cover a broad range of perspectives on the theme across all disciplines. Submissions for alternative modes (e.g. performance, spoken word, etc.) of presentations are welcome.

During the EMDoc Conference, we will also hold a Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition, where the winners of each University will present their research in three minutes.

**There will be prizes for best poster, best presentations, best Three Minute Thesis presentation and a people's choice 3MT winner.**

*\*The conference is open to all doctoral students currently registered at an East Midlands University: Bishop Grosseteste University, De Montfort University, Loughborough University, Nottingham Trent University, University of Derby, University of Leicester, University of Lincoln, University of Northampton, University of Nottingham.*

## ***How to submit an abstract:***

If you would like to submit an abstract, please see the instructions below and send the details to [emdocnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:emdocnetwork@gmail.com) :

### **1. Oral presentations**

Please ensure you have the following information ready before you submit your application.

Presentations will be 10 minutes each (with 15 minutes Q&A for all presenters at the end of each session).

- **Presentation title**
- Name of presenter(s)
- Institution at which enrolled
- **Abstract (max. 300 words)**

Presenters will be live-streamed through our digital platform and will be offered a trial run before the event. Slides can be shared and other multimedia can be shared as well.

### **2. Poster presentations**

Posters will be placed on an online site where people can view the posters and ask questions through a discussion board. As a presenter, you will be asked to respond to those questions and engage with your audience. A short elevator pitch about your poster would be helpful to create a better interactive experience - further guidance will be provided when decisions are communicated.

To submit a poster, please send the following details:

- **Poster Title**
- Name of presenter(s)
- Institution at which enrolled
- **Poster Overview/abstract (max. 300 words)**

Your poster must be saved either as a PDF in order to participate.

### **3. 3 Minute Thesis Presenters**

Each institution will manage their 3MT applications internally. Please contact your home institution for more information.

### Shortlisting and Selection

Applications will be automatically directed to your home institution after the deadline has passed. Each institution will shortlist the applications and submit a maximum of 3 applicants for oral presentations, 4 applicants for poster presentations and 1 nominee for 3MT Competition to De Montfort University.

De Montfort University will notify successful applicants of their acceptance. Accepted applicants will then be asked to complete and return a confirmation of acceptance agreement. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by **10 August**.

### Booking your place:

The conference is completely online and free. You will be asked to book a space which will also us to communicate the details on how to connect to the online event.

An update regarding how to book a space to attend the conference, including joining instructions, will be circulated closer to the event.

### Key Dates:

- Call for abstracts opens – **Thursday 11 June**
- Oral presentation abstract/poster overview submission deadline (for oral presentations and poster presentations) – **Thursday 16 July**
- Successful applicants notified week commencing **Monday 20 July** (presenters will be automatically registered to attend the conference)
- Conference booking opens – **Wednesday 1 July**
- Conference booking closes - **Tuesday 8 September**
- Conference Starts: **9:30, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

### Draft Programme

The Poster Competition will be occurring on a separate asynchronous (not-live) platform. We will encourage attendees and participants to regularly visit this space and to post questions on the discussion board. Poster presenters will respond to those questions.

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September		Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	
9:15-9:30: Digital and Tech 'Helpdesk' opens		9:15-9:30: Digital and Tech 'Helpdesk' opens	
9:30-9:50: Networking Coffee Morning		9:30-9:50: Networking Coffee Morning	
9:50-10:00: Break		9:50-10:00: Break	
10:00-12:30: Showcase 1		10:00-10:45: 3 Minute Thesis Presentations	
• Group 1-A	Group 1-B	10:45-11:00: Break	
		11:00-11:30: Keynote Speaker (TBD)	
14:00-16:00: Showcase 2		14:00-16:00: Showcase 3	
• Group 2-A	Group 2-B	• Group 3-A	• Group 3-B

### Contact

If you have any questions regarding the conference, its theme, and the mode of delivery, please do get in touch via [emdocnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:emdocnetwork@gmail.com).