

HDCA Conference at Bradford - Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q: If we are submitting a closed panel proposal, do we also need to submit paper proposals individually?

R: Yes. The main quality scrutiny is at the level of individual papers. Each paper has to pass the refereeing process. Panel proposals are reviewed not as refereeing but mainly in terms of fit with HDCA aims, the aims and themes of the conference and how it fits with the overall programme.

Q: What is the difference between open and closed panels?

R: Closed panels are those where a group of scholars or authors want to present in a panel. For example, they may have been already collaborating for a special issue or a book or a research project. Closed panels means they are not open to submissions from others than authors already pre-selected.

Q: On Conftool where should we enter the information when we submit the panel proposal?

R: In the main body of the abstract you can include which three papers are part of the closed panel.

Q: What is an open panel?

R: You are submitting a full academic paper proposal but you also have an idea of organising a panel in which other papers on similar topic or themes would be ideal. Either you have an idea of a special issue or a book or wish to do something together and are open and inviting other authors (not known to you) who are working on these issues and are coming to the conference.

Q: What is an artistic presentation panel?

R: As one of the themes of the conference is culture- we want to welcome contributions from artists whose work resonates with the aims of HDCA to use a performance arts based approach to submit proposals.

Q: What is a skills session?

R: If you are very good at something and you are willing to do a workshop especially for the benefit of early career researchers and anyone interested in that skill you can propose a skills session. This is especially aimed at practitioners or NGO colleagues who may be willing to share their expertise and skills to others.

Q: I am a disabled person. Would there be any barriers for me?

R: University of Bradford campus is very accessible and all the venues are accessible. If you are visually impaired and need a guide, we can assign a volunteer to support

you throughout the conference period. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we could do to support you especially regarding your travel planning etc.

Q: I am researcher with childcare responsibility. Will I be able to find childcare during the conference period?

R: We are trying our best to organise this. As you can imagine, childcare is usually available for long term users (4 weeks or more) and places are limited. We can provide you information on many childcare facilities and individual private child carers nearby. Please do get in touch with us so we can work together to find the best possible solutions for you.

Q: I am a scholar from the Global South. How can I apply for funding/scholarships?

R: In the first instance it is important to submit your paper proposals before the deadline. After the paper decisions are made, the scholarships window will open.