

Doctoral Colloquium
49th AIB UK & Ireland Annual Meeting
University of Reading
7th April 2022

The Academy of International Business UK & Ireland is organizing the colloquium for doctoral students in international business. The colloquium will be held at the **Business School, University of Reading on Thursday, 7th April 2022.**

The deadline for paper submission is **Friday, 11 February 2021.**

The Doctoral Colloquium provides doctoral researchers in international business with the opportunity to present and discuss their research with a panel of distinguished scholars (list of previous panellists is provided in the end), in interactive sessions that are open to all conference delegates. The doctoral colloquium is held in a collaborative, open and friendly atmosphere. Students receive oral and written feedback from leading experts in the field on the positioning of their research, refining their data collection approach and translating their work into papers. Doctoral students at different stages of the thesis process can apply for participation in the doctoral colloquium.

Prizes

There are two prizes associated with the Doctoral Colloquium:

- The **Michael Z. Brooke Doctoral Prize** (£200 and a certificate): for the best competitive paper.
- The **Neil Hood and Stephen Young Prize** (£200 and a certificate): for the most original new work.

Streams for submission

There will be two streams, A and B, based on the stage of the student's research. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Papers must be solely authored by the student. Joint papers, with the supervisor or any other co-author, will not be accepted.

Papers cannot be submitted to both the Doctoral Colloquium and the Main Conference.

Please note that the conference does not provide financial assistance towards travel or accommodation and so students are encouraged to approach their own institutions or funding authorities well in advance.

Guidelines

Stream A: Advanced

This stream is for doctoral researchers in advanced stages of their thesis process, who have finished data collection and had some preliminary results or those who have recently completed their doctoral thesis. Students in this stream should have a good knowledge of the literature in their domain of study and clear research questions.

Stream A assessment will consist of two parts: the submission of a paper for the Doctoral Panel to examine, and a brief, 10 – 15 minutes presentation during parallel sessions during the colloquium. Researchers will also be expected to participate in a panel-led discussion, which all delegates are invited to attend.

The Panel is there to give helpful advice, so students should highlight, in both their written submission and their presentation, aspects of the work that have been particularly challenging, and any specific issues on which the panel could give advice.

Stream A Paper Submission Guidelines

- Submission length
- Submission structure
- Formatting guidelines
- Where to submit
- Submission dates

Submission length

The paper should consist of no more than 25 pages, one and a half line spacing, inclusive of tables, diagrams, figures, appendices, references and background information. The first page should provide the following background information. Please note that papers that do not comply with these instructions will not be considered for the doctoral colloquium. There is no minimum length for the material.

All doctoral papers should include the following **background information**:

1. Submission title
2. First name and surname
3. Current registration (e.g., M.Phil. or Ph.D.)
4. Affiliation: name of school/university
5. Supervisor's name(s) and university
6. Stream A
7. Date the research began
8. Nature of student registration (full time or part time, or combination)
9. Estimate of date for completion of thesis

Guidelines for the main body of the submission:

Some students prefer to submit a single finished written piece of work (e.g. a working paper) as the main part of their submission. However, considering that the main purpose of the Colloquium is to offer advice and support on the more challenging aspects of students' research, we suggest that the paper submission should be organised as follows:

1. The general aims and objectives of the research. (No need to have an abstract)
2. A brief indication of the main relevant strands in the literature.
3. Specific research objectives in the light of the general aims and the existing literature.
4. Details of the methodology or methodologies to be employed in pursuing the research objectives.
5. Where appropriate, details of data sources, requirements for data collection, access to companies, etc.

6. Where appropriate, discussion of methods to be employed in analysing the data collected.
7. A brief provisional Table of Contents for the thesis (as an appendix).
8. Relevant findings of the research to date may be presented in summary form.
9. If not covered under the above headings, please indicate (e.g. in a list, giving as much detail as necessary) specific issues on which the panel's feedback would be helpful.

Formatting guidelines

All papers should be formatted according to Palgrave house style guidelines.

We prefer papers for the Doctoral Colloquium to be submitted in Word rather than pdf format.

Where to submit

Doctoral papers can be submitted on the submission area provided on the conference website.

Submission dates

Submission opens: **Monday, 29 December 2021**

Deadline for submissions: **Friday, 11 February 2022**

Presentations

The presentation should last for no more than 15 minutes for Stream A. You may use PowerPoint slides in reasonable numbers, probably no more than 8. In the presentation students may either follow the structure of the paper submission, or concentrate on a particular aspect of the research on which they want guidance, or employ a mixture of both approaches. We allow 10 minutes for feedback from the Panel and discussion.

Stream B: Beginner

This stream is for students in an earlier stage of the thesis process, typically before data collection. Students in this stream should have a (tentative) proposal for the topic they want to study, the method they want to use, and the potential contribution to existing knowledge.

Submissions for Stream B should consist of a synopsis of research ideas, which may take the form of a topic outline or a brief proposal.

Researchers should be prepared to give a brief, 5 - 10 minutes presentation during parallel sessions doctoral colloquium. This will be informal and will be followed by a round table discussion. The Panel is there to give helpful advice, so students should highlight, in both the written submission and the presentation, aspects of the work that have been particularly challenging, and any specific issues on which the panel could give advice.

Stream B Paper Submission Guidelines

- Submission length
- Submission structure
- Formatting guidelines
- Where to submit
- Submission dates

Submission length

Your paper should consist of no more than 10 pages, one and a half line spacing, inclusive of tables, diagrams, figures, appendices, references and background information. The first page should provide the following background information. Please note that papers that do not comply with these instructions will not be considered for the doctoral colloquium. There is no minimum length for the material.

All doctoral papers should include the following **background information**:

1. Submission title
2. First name and surname
3. Current registration (e.g. M.Phil. or Ph.D.)
4. Affiliation: name of school/university
5. Supervisor's name(s) and university
6. Stream B
7. Date the research began
8. Nature of student registration (full time or part time, or combination)
9. Estimate of date for completion of thesis

Guidelines for the main body of the submission:

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1. The general aims and objectives of the research. (No need to have an abstract)
2. A brief indication of the main relevant strands in the literature.
3. The specific research objectives in the light of the general aims and the existing literature.
4. Outline of the proposed methodology or methodologies to be employed in pursuing the research objectives.
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Contact details

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Previous panelists

Previous panelists, some of whom are regular contributors include:

Mathew Allen, Manchester Business School
Joseph Amankwah-Amoah, University of Bristol
Ulf Andersson, Mälardalen University, Sweden
Jenny Berrill, Trinity College Dublin
Keith Brouthers, Kings College, London
Trevor Buck, University of Glasgow
Peter J. Buckley, University of Leeds
Mark Casson, University of Reading
Francisco Jose Molina Castillo, University of Murcia, Spain
Tamer Cavusgil, Institute of International Business, Georgia State University
Malcolm Chapman, University of Leeds
Agnieszka Chidlow, University of Birmingham
Amon Chizema, University of Birmingham
Jeremy Clegg, University of Leeds
Adam Cross, Leeds University Business School
Henrik Dellestrand, Uppsala University
Claudio De Mattos, University of Manchester
Pavlos Dimitratos, University of Glasgow
Nigel Driffield, Aston University
Hamid Etemad, McGill University, Canada
Margaret Fletcher, University of Glasgow
Mika Gabriëlsson, Helsinki School of Economics, Finland
Peter Gabriëlsson, University of Vaasa and Helsinki School of Economics
Pervez N. Ghauri, University of Birmingham
Simon Harris, University of Edinburgh
Ann-Wil Harzing, University of Middlesex
Shaowei He, University of Northampton
Kevin Ibeh, Birkbeck, University of London
Marian V. Jones, University of Sheffield
Colm Kearney, Trinity College Dublin
Breda Kenny, Cork Institute of Technology
Olli Kuivalainen, Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland
Jorma Larimo, University of Vaasa, Finland
Sharon Loane, University of Ulster
Jim Love, Warwick Business School
Frank McDonald, University of Liverpool
Sara McGaughey, Griffith University
Rod McNaughton, University of Auckland
Michael Mayer, University of Bath
Klaus Meyer, CEIBS
Hafiz Mirza, University of Bradford & UNCTAD
Eleanor Morgan, University of Bath
Anna Morgan-Thomas, University of Glasgow
Rajneesh Narula, University of Reading
Niina Nummela, University of Turku, Finland
Stan Paliwoda, University of Strathclyde
Marina Papanastassiou, Middlesex University Business School
Robert Pearce, University of Reading
Vijay Pereira, University of Portsmouth
Rebecca Piekkari, Aalto University School of Business
Shameen Prashantham, CEIBS
Becky Reuber, University of Toronto
Glenn Richey, University of Alabama

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Per Servais, University of Southern Denmark
Pamela Sharkey Scott, Maynooth University
Noemi Sinkovics, Manchester Business School
Rudolf Sinkovics, Manchester Business School
Roger Strange, University of Sussex
Heinz Tuselmann, Manchester Metropolitan University
Tiia Vissak, University of Tartu
Catherine Welch, University of Sydney
Colin Wheeler, University of Portsmouth
Mike Wright, Nottingham University Business School
Mo Yamin, Manchester Business School
Stephen Young, University of Glasgow
Huan Joy Zou, Loughborough University Business School
Anna Zueva, Bradford University

Testimonials

The Doctoral Colloquium has received very positive feedback from its participants in the past. Some comments from previous years:

Maggie Cooper

“I had a very positive experience at the Doctoral Colloquium. The reviewers spent a significant amount of time reading the materials that I had sent them and then providing detailed feedback to me. I was very grateful to them for that.

I also attended the dinner for doctoral students. It was a good addition to the conference programme as I got to meet more of my peers - more than I did last year without the dinner. I would recommend that to others in future years.”

Mikhail Shengeliya

“I found Doctoral Colloquium extremely useful. I was lucky to have Frank McDonald, Michael Crone, and Simon Harris on my panel and they provided me with an invaluable feedback. You were right in advising me to go forward with the Colloquium as I found that panelists devoted significant amount of time to analyze my paper and make suggestions.

Think that the Doctoral dinner is a good idea even though I couldn't attend. I made good connections among fellow PhD students nonetheless”

Joe Schembri

“I feel the Colloquium was very well organized. The Colloquium is a great opportunity for PHD candidates to get constructive feedback on their research. Panellists are typically IB scholars with a lot of publishing experience which is very relevant for students in the process of clarifying research objectives, deciding on research designs or planning to start publishing themselves. I found the AIBUK colloquium to be professional yet friendly.”

Sophie Rieder

“Thank you so much for the great organization of the conference and for your support prior to the conference :)

Being able to present my research to and receive feedback from three well-known professors was an amazing and unusual opportunity. There was enough time planned to discuss several of my questions. I was very impressed with the detailed written feedback that I received and that will be of great help in improving my paper.

The DC guidelines that were distributed with the call for papers were very helpful for me, too. I think it is a great idea to allow addressing the challenges we face and the issues we would like to discuss with the panellists.

I am so grateful and feel honoured to receive the Micheal Z Brooke Prize - it was the icing on the top of the cake and great motivation!”

Justus Delp

“Thank you very much for organising the conference. I really enjoyed the friendly and open atmosphere among co-scholars! The Conference Reception was a great idea, and helped to feel comfortable within a couple of minutes. This was especially true for someone like me who never been to a conference before. The keynote speakers extended significantly the international scope of the conference, whilst the paper presentations allowed to exchange ideas and learn about current projects on the pipeline. I really enjoyed this experience :)”

Ana Botella Andreu

“The doctoral colloquium was great! For me is very important meeting people with same concerns, similar topics of work and ambitions. Is like a therapy =). The general experience is very very positive. Thank you for organizing it.”

Ayşe Çoban

“Doctorial Colloquium and Conference Reception was so beneficial for me to meet new friends and colleagues. The advice of session chairs were also so supportive and enlightening. Meeting with "gurus" of IB field was an amazing experience. Thanks for your work and dedication for the conference and doctorial colloquium. I hope to attend next year's conference again.”