



# Abstract Submission

The first joint meeting of the International Academy of Intercultural Relations (IAIR) and the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology (IACCP) invites the submission of abstracts for its 2025 conference, held from 28 June to 1 July 2025, hosted at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

The conference seeks to address many diverse topics under the theme of “Bridging Intercultural Divides in a Digitally Connected World”. This theme highlights the importance of researchers and practitioners coming together across disciplines, traditions, and geographic regions to address issues of cultural diversity and intercultural relations in an increasingly digitally connected, but also an increasingly divided world. A key objective of both IAIR and IACCP is to build trust and connection among diverse peoples, and this theme highlights how such relationships (and the broader research areas) are challenged, but also enabled by changes in the global sociocultural and technological context.

We accept multidisciplinary submissions (e.g., psychology, education, business, health science, communication, social science, etc.) of research that falls into the broad conference topics.

## **Contemporary Global Challenges:**

The impact and influence of complex international issues facing humanity; e.g. digital technologies, climate change, sustainability, future uncertainty.

## **Culture, Minority groups, and Inequality:**

Research and practice related to and led by Indigenous peoples and marginalised or minority groups as well as topics concerning power and inequity, decolonisation,

## **Applied Cultural Research and Practice:**

Applications of cultural research and theory to work (business, organisations, leadership), therapeutic settings (clinical psychology, counselling, social work,

discrimination, prejudice,  
and human rights.

nursing/medicine),  
education,  
communication,  
policymaking.

**Pathways and  
Outcomes of  
Migration for Diverse  
Peoples:**

Processes, outcomes,  
and contexts of  
acculturation and  
adaptation among  
migrants, refugees and  
asylum seekers,  
international students as  
well as issues of societal  
multiculturalism and  
diversity.

**Health and  
Development +  
Other:**

Experiences of cultural  
socialisation and health  
across the life-span,  
family and interpersonal  
relationships. Other  
submissions with topics  
related to intercultural  
relations and cross-  
cultural psychology are  
also invited.

## Submission Types

All submissions must be processed through the online system by the deadline.



Three types of submissions are:

- Symposia
- Individual oral presentations
- Poster presentations

Participants may submit a maximum of two abstracts for any type of submission where they intend on being the presenting. There are no maximum number of submissions on which a participant may be a co-author. Note that due to constraints of space within the program, where participants are selected for more than one presentation their first submission will be prioritised for inclusion.

## Presenting Guidelines

# Guidelines for Symposia

A symposium is a focused session in which individual speakers present their research on a common issue related to the theme and topics of the conference. Symposia should provide a range of perspectives or methods and integrate the distinct contributions into a meaningful whole. The symposium abstract is required to outline the purpose and impact of the overall session. Individual abstracts of each talk should include the background, methods, results and conclusions for each topic.

## Format

The recommended format is an introduction of the symposium by the chair (normally the symposium organiser), followed by a minimum of three and a maximum of four individual presentations, a discussant and Q&A. A discussant is optional and is best when there are three rather than four individual talks. Discussants read and comment on the individual talks to present critical takeaways, points of contention, and / or future directions.

The amount of time scheduled will be confirmed closer to the time of the conference and the timing can be scheduled according to the organisers' discretion (e.g., 5 min introduction, 10 min presentations, 10 min discussant, etc.). Other formats (such as panel presentations or roundtable) will be considered, but proposals for such should include a clear rationale.

Symposia sessions benefit from a diversity of perspectives, institutional affiliations, and geographical regions. Proposals from or including early career investigators are encouraged.

## What to include

1. The details (name, title, affiliation, email) of the chair of the symposium.
2. Symposium title maximum of 15 words.
3. Symposium abstract with a maximum of 300 words.
4. Three to four individual talks with details of authors (name, titles, affiliation), presenting author, and abstract with a maximum of 300 words.
5. Optional: The details (name, title, affiliation) of the discussant of the symposium.
6. Up to five keywords highlighting the main topic of the symposium

## Additional Information

- It is the responsibility of the chair to ensure that all speakers register for in-person attendance at the conference. If presenters do not register the symposium will not be included in the program.
- Submitting a symposium proposal and/or speaking in a symposium does not prevent authors from submitting an abstract for an individual presentation or poster. However, authors may present a maximum of two presentations at the conference. Also, due to constraints of space within the program initial submissions will be prioritised for inclusion.
- All proposals will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee using a variety of criteria including scientific merit, fit for the conference, novelty, methodological rigour, and diversity of the speakers. Evaluations will not be shared with authors.
- Individual authors may who submit an abstract of part of a symposium that is not accepted may be invited to their abstract as an oral or poster presentation.

### Individual Presentations

## Individual Presentation Guidelines

Talks and presentations are submitted by individuals or groups on a specific issue or topic that is related to the conference themes. These will be 15 minutes in duration, collated by relevance and organised into groups by the conference organisers within sessions. More details will be added soon.

### Posters

## Poster Guidelines

Posters are individual, free-standing research presentations. They are the appropriate format when material can be explained briefly, is suited for graphic or visual presentation, and/or the presenter would benefit from high levels of interaction and discussion. More details will be added soon.

# Key Dates

## **Symposia Abstracts Open**

**23rd of August, 2024**

## **Individual Talks and Posters Open**

20th September, 2024

## **Early Bird Registrations Open**

November 2024

## **Submissions Close**

December 2024

## **Symposia Announced**

January 2025

## **Individual Talks and Posters Announced**

February 2025

## **Early Bird Registration Closes**

March 2025

## **Registration Closes**

June 2025

We acknowledge the Traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Owners of the land, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. Our meeting place for this conference is on the lands of the Turrbal and Yuggera peoples.



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