

Alternative paths: The Business and Modern Slavery Research 2024 Conference

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Call for Papers

Abusive labour practices and the business systems that produce, nurture, and shelter them are increasingly exercising policymakers around the world. As this trend has grown, both scholars and industry experts have undertaken research which transcends disciplinary boundaries and offers insights into management practices and working conditions. The 2024 business and modern slavery research conference seeks to provide an opportunity to link those streams of research, bringing together researchers from across business disciplines to develop ongoing work and build links with peers towards future endeavours. The conference also offers developmental workshops for scholars interested in submitting to the special issue in Supply Chain Management: An International Journal and for early career scholars (details below).

Abstract submission process

Submission of abstracts is invited on any aspect of business and modern slavery, including supply chain responsibility, accountability and reporting, strategy, ethics and social responsibility, marketing and consumer behaviour, technology and operations, innovation and entrepreneurship, finance and investment, inequalities, caste, and legal and public policy issues governing business and modern slavery. As a developmental conference, the organizers are interested in abstracts which are summaries of completed papers, works in progress, and proposals for future projects.

Authors are required to send their abstract by email to modernslaveryconf24@sussex.ac.uk, adhering to the submission guidelines listed below. The deadline for abstracts submission is **the end of the day on Wednesday 15th May 2024**. Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Conference Committee.

Abstract submission guidelines

- Abstracts should be approximately 500-1000 words in length, excluding title, authors, figures, tables, and references.
- All abstracts and full papers should be submitted as a Word document using 12pt Calibri or Times New Roman font.
- Please use double spacing and normal (2.54 cm) margins throughout and include page numbers.
- Please include the abstract or paper title and all author names, emails and affiliations and the email address of the **corresponding author** on page 1 of the abstract or paper (they will NOT be reviewed anonymously).

- Please also include the title, name, affiliation, email, and country of institution of the suggested **presenting author**.
- Please name the submitted file using the family name of the corresponding author followed by _AP2024, i.e. “Familyname_AP2024.docx” and send by email to modernslaveryconf24@sussex.ac.uk.
- You may submit more than one abstract. If so, simply use the convention Familyname1, Familyname2 in the file name.
- Please state on page 1 of your abstract submission if you intend to apply to the paper development workshop, that follows the conference, please find more information in the relevant section below.

Proof of PhD status

If you are submitting as a PhD student, proof of your student status should also be emailed to the same address when you submit your abstract.

Journal of Supply Chain Management Best Supply Chain paper award

Journal of Supply Chain Management will be offering a certificate in acknowledgement of the best supply chain-focused paper submitted to the main conference. The winner and runner up will be chosen by editors and/or associate editors of the journal during the conference and awards made during the conference dinner.

Paper development workshop

For those seeking more in-depth feedback on their work, possibly for submission to the special issue on modern slavery and supply chain management in Supply Chain Management: An International Journal - <https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/calls-for-papers/modern-slavery-and-supply-chain-management> - we will be hosting a workshop on the second day of the conference, where senior scholars will provide “friendly reviews” of draft papers on a one-to-one basis with authors.

The workshop is not limited to scholars preparing work for the special issue. Participation in the workshop does not guarantee publication in the special issue; nor does non-participation preclude scholars from submitting their paper to the special issue. Papers submitted to the workshop can be the same or different to those submitted as abstracts to the main conference.

How to apply

To apply to the workshop, please state on page 1 of your abstract submission that this is your intention, following the timeline set out above, which is the same for the conference and the workshop. Please note that papers submitted to the Paper development workshop will not be eligible for the Journal of Supply Chain Management award. Attendees of the conference are welcome to submit separate, different papers to the main conference (for entry for that award) and to the paper development workshop (for a development discussion).

Acceptance of papers to the workshop will be competitive based on the organisers’ evaluation of the quality and potential of the manuscript. Papers outside the suggested length are also less likely to be accepted for the workshop.

Early Career Scholar workshop

In parallel with the paper development workshop, the conference committee will organize an early career scholar workshop aimed at PhD students, post-docs, and Lecturers (Assistant Professors). The workshop will take the form of a networking session in which early career scholars will be grouped with a few peers with whom they share discipline and/or research interests. Each group will sit with senior faculty for 20-30 minutes and discuss topics of the early career scholars' choosing, including common research themes, research problems, funding, publication, etc. The idea of the workshop is to help early career scholars to grow their networks and seek advice from more senior scholars.

Early career scholars wishing to be considered for the workshop should indicate this clearly in the email they send with their abstract.

Key dates

Wednesday 15 May	Deadline for submission of abstracts
Friday 14 June	Decisions sent to applicants
Friday 14 June	Early bird registrations open
Sunday 30 June	Early bird registrations close
Monday 1 July	Standard Registrations open
July 17	Deadline for submission of full papers for the paper development workshop
Friday 16 August	Registrations close
Tuesday 10 September	Main conference, running from 09.00-17.00
Wednesday 11 September	Main conference, running from 09.00-14.00 Paper development workshop & early career researcher workshop running in parallel from 14.00-17.00

Social Activities

Monday 9 September	Pre-conference drinks for early arrivals (optional)
Tuesday 10 September	Conference dinner with best paper award presentation
Wednesday 11 September	Post-conference drinks (optional)

Registration Fees

Registration Type	Dates	Fee £
Early Bird	14/06-30/06	150
Standard Registration	01/07-16/08	200
PhD student	14/06-16/08	50

What is included in the registration fee?

Attendance of 2 main conference days

Attendance of paper development workshop OR early career researcher workshop (if accepted)

Conference dinner

Lunches and coffee breaks during conference days

What is not included in the fee?

Your travel costs

Your accommodations costs

Transfers from Brighton to the university campus

Pre-conference drinks for early arrivals (optional)

Conference Committee

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