The Social Scientists of the Future

Call for Proposals:
Interdisciplinary Workshops for Graduate Students

July 6th, 2020, **University of Haifa**
https://www.hevra.haifa.ac.il/hssc

Conference Theme: Social Institutions and Norms in the Digital Age

Technology has impacted every aspect of our lives. From the daily routines of billions of ordinary people to policies of multinational organizations, rapid and ongoing developments benefit and pose challenges for individuals and societies alike. What role can social science play in addressing the impact of technology on various social institutions? The 2nd Annual Haifa Social Sciences Conference addresses this question by bringing together graduate students conducting interdisciplinary research that is relevant to some of our era's most critical issues.

We welcome submissions on interdisciplinary research from all fields including but not limited to: Political Science | Psychology | Economics | Geography and Environmental Studies | Computer Sciences | Communication | Sociology | Anthropology | Law | Criminology | Social Work | Statistics | Peace Studies |

Conference Format

We invite PhD students to present their research on the following topics. Accepted submissions will showcase research that is a) cutting-edge, b) interdisciplinary; and c) relevant to the selected workshop's themes as outlined below.

Each workshop will include between 10 - 15 graduate students and be conducted in a roundtable format with presentations of 15 - 20 minutes before Q&A and discussant responses.

List of Workshops

WS1 – Family, Community, Nation and Religion: Concepts and Practices
Research exploring the changing perspectives on these groups including their internal dynamics and interaction with others, while considering their contemporary implications on the collective and on individuals.

WS2 – Personal Identities Redefined
Research focusing on the changing nature of "knowing thyself" in the digital world in light of its facilitation of identity formation, alteration and adaptation.

WS3 – The Changing Nature of Work and the Work Environment
Research exploring technology-induced changes in the work environment and various vocational fields including employment conditions, earning standards, interpersonal interactions, and outcomes and performance alongside managerial challenges and practices.

WS4 – Behavioral Economics, Commerce, Law and Services
Research inquiring financial behavior in the digital age both in the public and the private sectors, legal modifications and lacunae, new services and customer relationship management.

WS5 – Human Interaction 2.0: Social networks, Language and Communication
Research examining new forms of communication and expression in public and private settings and their impact on interpersonal relationships and behavior.

WS6 – Wellbeing: Physical, Emotional and Mental
Research dealing with technological effects on individuals' wellbeing in all fields of social sciences.

Best Presentation Awards

Upon the recommendation of leading researchers from the social sciences, six prizes of $1,000 will be awarded to the most promising research presentations - one in each of the six workshops.

Submission Deadline

Applicants must submit their application to this link or in the conference website (https://www.hevra.haifa.ac.il/hssc) by February 15, 2020.

Authors will be notified by March 15, 2020.

Submission Guidelines

Before beginning the submission process, please prepare the following:

1. A research overview of up to 500 words (in English) that addresses the following questions:

    A. How is your research relevant to the issues outlined above?
    B. Methodology, Results and Discussion
    C. How is your research interdisciplinary?

2. A list of your **workshop preferences (three most preferred workshops, from most to least preferred)**.

3. Institutional affiliation, academic background, co-authors and other relevant information.

For more information, visit the conference website at:
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The conference will take place in English.
Research from industry representatives are also encouraged to submit.

Please do not hesitate to contact the program co-chairs at HSSC2020@hevra.haifa.ac.il for any questions about the submission process or other aspects of the 2ⁿᵈ Annual Haifa Social Sciences Conference.