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São Paulo, Brazil
Call for Proposals

International Virtual Exchange Consortium Annual Conference 2023

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The International Virtual Exchange Consortium (IVEC) is a global, inclusive community of virtual exchange practitioners, researchers, and professionals that provides a forum for dialogue and growth. The community aims to advance pedagogy and research in virtual exchange through a variety of means, including hosting its annual conference. The IVEC annual conference is the largest and most prominent event on virtual exchange, providing a forum for professors, administrators, students and technical staff from institutions around the world interested in the growing practice of Virtual Exchange. Virtual Exchange provides authentic opportunities for intercultural and transnational engagement and learning using technology to connect people around the world. Through collaborative activities and courses, virtual exchange supports the development of transferable skills for living and working globally and provides opportunities for applied learning experiences. For more information about the conference and the practice of virtual exchange, please visit IVEConference.org.

IVEC 2023 will be co-hosted by the Brazilian Association for International Education (FAUBAI) and the Universidade Estadual de São Paulo (UNESP) in São Paulo, Brazil in collaboration with the institutions and organizations on the IVEC Board: DePaul University, Drexel University, Durban University of Technology, East Carolina University, FAUBAI Brazilian Association for International Education, UNICollaboration, Universidad de Monterrey, and University of Washington Bothell.

We invite proposal submissions from individuals, institutions and organisations around the world focused on [virtual exchange](#). We welcome proposals from experienced virtual exchange practitioners (instructors, staff, and administrators) and students who have participated in virtual exchange. We particularly encourage submissions from PhD students and early-career researchers.

The languages of the conference and submissions will be English, Portuguese, and Spanish. All submissions will undergo a double-blind peer review process. Authors will be notified in time to register by the early registration deadline.

2023 CONFERENCE TRACKS

Proposals are welcome for paper presentations, workshops and symposia **on any area of virtual exchange**. Topics may include, but are not limited to the following themes:

- *New!* EQUITY AND INCLUSION: Reports on intentional efforts to overcome equity and inclusion challenges within virtual exchange projects.
- PRACTICE: Case studies and practice reports as well as reports on the use of innovative pedagogy, high impact practice, and technology to enhance virtual exchange.
- STRATEGY & POLICY: Virtual exchange strategy and policy at departmental, school, faculty, institutional and system levels.
- IMPACT THROUGH RESEARCH: Reports on research evaluating the impact and outcomes of virtual exchange projects, as well as the field more broadly. Proposals must clearly articulate the research questions and methodology and present concrete, completed results/analysis. Proposals that span multiple projects or terms will be given priority.

This year there will not be a specific track for Student Voices. However, student presenters are welcome as part of any track.

SESSION FORMATS

IVEC 2023 will be held in a hybrid format, allowing attendees to meet in person and virtually. ***At least one of the presenters for each session must be in person in São Paulo, with the exception of Flash Talks, which can be pre-recorded, and fully remote Workshops.*** An individual may be a presenter in a maximum of two sessions.

Flash Talks (10 min)

These short, fast-paced presentations provide an opportunity to spark new ideas, conversations, and collaborations across topics and disciplines. Case studies and innovations in practice often fit best in this model.

Presentations (40 min)

These sessions should consist of a maximum of 30 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for discussion. Presentation proposals should include a full description of what will be presented (max. 300 words).

Workshops (90 min)

Workshops are action-oriented, hands-on sessions intended to train and engage participants in practice. These sessions could take the form of a demonstration, or a participatory

how-to-session. To facilitate the engagement with the diversity of audience, workshops will be fully on site, or fully remote. Workshop proposals must specify the format and describe the intended content, goals of the session, and hands-on components of the session (max. 300 words).

Symposia (90 min)

Symposia are moderated sessions of experts presenting on a common theme, content, or methodological area, designed to give the audience different perspectives. They should include a minimum of 3 presenters from at least two different institutions or organizations. The symposium moderator should be prepared to draw connections between the presenters in a 5-10 minute synopsis, as well as facilitate discussion among participants and attendees. Symposia submissions will include an overview pointing out the symposium themes and objectives, and each presenter's contribution (max. 500 words).

REVIEW CRITERIA

We encourage proposals that are aligned with a conference track, original, relevant, clear, and supported.

- **Alignment with a Conference Track:** See specific criteria above
- **Original:** the proposal explores a new idea, project, or issue; discusses new research; or presents new ways of considering existing information
- **Relevant:** the proposal has high potential to attract conference attendees by addressing the needs of the community; raises issues important to virtual exchange and engagement; and its contents can be broadly disseminated and understood
- **Clear:** the intended outcomes of the session are easily understood
- **Supported:** claims are backed by sufficient data; claims draw upon relevant literature and/or multiple perspectives; and limitations are described honestly (research papers only)

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission system opens: February 15, 2023
- Deadline for submission of abstracts: March 15, 2023
- Notification of acceptance: May 15, 2023
- Registration opens: April 11, 2023
- Registration closes: October 1, 2023
 - Early bird registration: April 11 - August 15, 2023
- Scholarship application deadline: July 1, 2023
- Submission of papers for conference proceedings (optional): November 10, 2023.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Proposals should be submitted through the conference webpage: www.iveconference.org, beginning on February 15, 2023.

The following information will be requested during the submission process:

- Names, titles, contact info, institutional or organisational affiliation and short bio (max 100 words) for all presenters and symposia organisers
- Conference track (selected from the list above)
- Session format (selected from the list above)
- Title of the abstract
- Abstract (max. 300 words; 500 words for Symposia)

All presenters must register for the conference before August 20, 2023. Please note that presenters must cover all costs associated with participating in IVEC 2023. A limited number of scholarships will be available to cover registration fees only.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Conference proceedings will be published only electronically. To be included in the conference proceedings, presenters must submit a clean, edited copy of their session overview by November 3, 2023. More information and any additional publication opportunities will be announced via the conference website: www.iveconference.org

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