



**4th Annual South East European Doctoral Student Conference
6 - 7 July 2009, Thessaloniki - Greece**

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Building on the success of the three previous Doctoral conferences of [2006](#), [2007](#), and [2008](#) , which have been consistently attracting more than 100 papers from countries in all South East Europe and beyond (UK, France, Germany, Holland, Slovenia, Hungary, Poland and as far as Ukraine), we are pleased to announce the organisation of the 4th Annual South East European Doctoral Student Conference.

The aim of the conference is to further facilitate the exchange of knowledge between young researchers and to consolidate the established network of scholars currently undertaking research in the region of South East Europe (and beyond). Having identified academic isolation as a problem that many doctoral students face today, the South East European Doctoral Student Conference aims to bring researchers together for establishing collaborative links between disciplines, for testing the ground for innovative ideas and for engaging the wider academic community.

The Conference has an inter-disciplinary focus and is open for participation to young researchers who are currently undertaking doctoral study or are in the early years of their research career (up to 2 years following award of their PhD degree). Topics of interest to the conference include, but are not limited to, the following:

<u>Research Track 1:</u> <u>Enterprise, Innovation and Development</u>	<u>Research Track 2:</u> <u>Information & Communication Technologies</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operations Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Logistics & Green Supply Chain Management ○ Quality Management & TQM ▪ Economics and Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Foreign Direct Investment ○ Labour Economics ○ Corporate Finance & Financial Systems ▪ Strategic Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Customer Behaviour ○ Marketing Planning ○ Strategic Management ○ Marketing ○ Knowledge Management ○ Entrepreneurship ○ Enterprise Development ○ Corporate Governance ○ Organisational Analysis & Learning ○ Human Resources Management ○ Change Management ○ Public Management ○ SMEs ○ Innovation Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software Engineering • Information Security • Intelligent Systems • Educational Informatics • Information & Knowledge Management • Service Oriented Software Engineering • Semantic Web Technologies • Testing & verification of software systems • Modeling and Model Checking • Multi-Agent Systems • Biologically Inspired Computation • Health Informatics • Geographical Information Systems • Simulation • Databases • Robotics • Graphics

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Research Track 3:</u> <u>Governance, Politics and Society</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Research Track 4:</u> <u>Risk, Cognition and Well-being</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EU Policy and Integration, ○ International Relations, ○ Migration, ○ Public Administration, ○ Nations and Nationalism, ○ Conflict and Peace, ○ Geo-Politics, ○ Regional Development • Sociology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Religiosity, ○ Ethnicity, Identity, ○ Social Policy, ○ Genocide Studies, ○ Post-Socialist Transformation, ○ Europeanisation, ○ Family and Community Life • Language Policy and Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intercultural Communication, ○ Ethno-linguistics, ○ English as a Lingua Franca, ○ English-Only Europe, ○ The EU and Language, ○ Language Testing, ○ Language Teaching • Media and Journalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Media Representation in the Balkans, ○ Media Interaction and Globalization, ○ Media Governance, ○ Media Commercialization, ○ War Reporting: Archiving of War Crimes, ○ Media Freedom, ○ Media Corruption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Risk Behaviours • Smoking Interventions at School and in the Workplace • Alcohol and Drug Use and Abuse • Cognition and Neuroscience • Attention and Neuroscience • Cognitive Development in Typical and Atypical Populations • Quality of Life in Chronically-ill Populations • Special Needs Education • Emotionality and Well-Being • Intervention with Populations with Special Needs • Counselling and Psychology

All submitted abstracts will undergo a peer-review process by members of the Programme Committee. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to present their work at the conference and will be asked to submit full versions of their papers to be included in the conference proceedings. During the conference, each paper will be presented in front of a panel of experts consisting of academics with significant research expertise and experience in supervising doctoral students. Each presentation will be followed by feedback from the members of the panel and questions from the audience. In addition to the discussions that will be held during the presentations, there will be general discussion sessions guided by the members of the expert panels, addressing various issues relating to research methodology and PhD work. The proceedings of the 4th Annual South East European Doctoral Student Conference will be edited and published by SEERC. After the conference, authors of selected papers may be invited to submit extended versions for publication in Special Issues of specialized journals (e.g. the International Journal of Innovation and Regional Development. Link: <http://www.inderscience.com/ijird>). The invited submissions will follow a separate double-blind reviewing procedure according to the standards of these journals.

Important Dates:

Extended Abstract submission: 15th February 2009

Notification of acceptance: 15th March 2009

Submission of FULL - camera ready paper: 15th April 2009

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

The submitted abstracts should not exceed 1500 words and could follow the headlines indicated below:

Purpose-

Design/methodology/approach –

Findings –

Research limitations/implications –

Practical Implications -

Originality / value –

Keywords –

Please note that the official language at the conference will be **English**.

For details concerning the paper submission procedure please refer to the DSC 2009 conference web site: www.seerc.org/dsc2009