

Sustainability in Action: From Vision to Implementation

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Postgraduate Researchers' Summer Conference 2025

Call for Abstracts

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We are delighted to announce that the deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended for the Annual Postgraduate Researchers' Summer Conference 2025. **The new abstract submission deadline is Monday, 28th April 2025.** Results on accepted abstracts will be announced on **Monday, 20th May 2025**

The theme of this year's conference is

"Sustainability in Action: From Vision to Implementation"

All Postgraduate Researchers from all disciplines and sectors are encouraged to apply to the general sustainability definition which includes the ability to survive, maintain, grow and develop all aspects of our life and surroundings. This session invites Doctoral students from all disciplines to explore how their different research approaches can contribute to the wider sustainability global agenda adopted within the Middlesex Strategy and also nationally and globally, at all of the social, environmental, technical, bio-diversity, business, artistic, creative and governance levels, and beyond. We'll talk about the different meanings of sustainability in different research and practice contexts, and how to position your own research within this broader, interdisciplinary landscape. Come ready to think across boundaries and reimagine what sustainability means in action. We encourage presentations, posters, performances, exhibitions and other forms of showcasing your research, that investigate diverse Sub-themes can include the following but are not limited to:

Cross-Cutting Sustainability Issues and Challenges

1. Strategies for countries, cities, organisations or individuals can implement any of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with local, actionable strategies

2. Visions and Practices for the Future
3. Enriching the Present while understanding and resolving the Past
4. Leadership in driving sustainability, with a focus on policy, corporate responsibility, and individual action
5. Transitioning to a green economy can create jobs, stimulate innovation, and address environmental challenges simultaneously.
6. Power of cross-sector collaboration between governments, NGOs, businesses, and local communities to drive global sustainability efforts
7. Sustainability efforts across different cultures and regions that can offer unique insights and practices for global change
8. Research in education and knowledge transfer, empowering the next generation of sustainability leaders
9. Interdisciplinary field of sustainability science, & how it integrates natural, social, and economic sciences

Environmental Sustainability

1. Intersection of sustainability and climate adaptation, highlighting solutions for building resilient communities, businesses, and ecosystems
2. Transition to renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, reduced carbon footprint and the role of energy storage and smart grids in creating a sustainable energy future.
3. Sustainable built environment, cities, neighbourhoods
4. Nature-based solutions like reforestation, sustainable agriculture, and ecosystem restoration can contribute to addressing climate change and biodiversity loss

Social Sustainability

1. Creative, artistic vision for social sustainability
2. Sustainable human motion and activities
3. Innovative practices for sustainable health and well-being
4. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
5. Universal Human Rights, Laws and Government
6. Education systems: How education, from K-12 to higher education and professional development, plays a crucial role in building a sustainable future
7. Health care systems: sustaining health and public services
8. Welfare systems: upholding basic human rights to improve quality of life
9. Building human capital to create more equal and inclusive societies

Economic Sustainability

1. Innovative technologies, business models, and policy frameworks advancing sustainability across industries
2. Hybrid working and its impact on employee and organisational well-being
3. Sustainable Wellbeing: Fostering Healthy Workplaces for Long-Term Success
4. Principles of the circular economy, focusing on resource management, waste reduction, and the shift from linear to circular systems

This year's PGSC will be held at Middlesex University Hendon campus in-person on 17th June. To accommodate international and distance learning students, the second day, 18th June will be exclusively online.

Link / Details for Abstract Submissions

<https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/PRSC2025/Track/1/Submission/Create>

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 - Your contribution
 - Methods used
 - Indicative results and outcomes
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- **KEYWORDS:** Please include 5-7 keywords related to your topic

If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at summerconference@mdx.ac.uk.

We warmly invite you to join us at the conference by booking your place via **Eventbrite**.

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Further information about the Summer Conference 2025 can be accessed via: [Postgraduate Researchers' Summer Conference 2025 | Middlesex University](#)

Register for the Summer Conference 2025 at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/prsc-2025-tickets-1271831926529?aff=oddtcreator>

Below is a list of past and upcoming training sessions to support your preparation for the conference.

Access to past recordings of training sessions

Conferences Part 1: Finding your tribe and preparing an abstract (2025)	MDX PGRs access: MDXPlay recording Collaborative PGRs access: MDXPlay recording
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Looking forward to seeing you all at the conference and if you have any questions, please do contact the conference chairs or RDAT summerconference@mdx.ac.uk for more information!