

BAM 2024 CONFERENCE



Project Experiences Track

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Track description:

Project Experiences: Enabling Conversations on Project Research.

The Project Experiences track is an international forum for sharing and debating all aspects of project research, incl. work on programmes, portfolios, megaprojects or project networks. We are concerned as much with the manner of our conversation as their themes. We are committed to provide a platform for the '5i's: research conversations that are *Intellectually Intoxicating* and *Involve Interdisciplinary Interactions*.

Through engaging with the 5i's, we have the ambition to continue to build a vibrant, friendly, and supportive community of researchers that embraces collaboration and innovation. We welcome both full and developmental papers on any topic relevant to project research, including literature reviews, empirical studies, theoretical contributions, and methodological papers. Our focus is on developing a research community conducting relevant and timely research. This is particularly prevalent in the context of this year's conference theme which is "Achieving transformation for greater good: Societal, organisational, and personal barriers and enablers." In order to achieve transformation on the scale required to address the challenges we are facing in today's world, projects as vehicles to deliver change will play a key role. This is already evidenced through the increasing projectification of business, management, and civil society. Hence, project work is uniquely situated to facilitate the required transformations, improving dynamic capabilities, ambidexterity, and resilience within a complex and uncertain world to name a few. We welcome contributions expand our understanding of the conference theme in the context of projects and we equally welcome contributions addressing contemporary challenges in project delivery.

Contributions that work towards appropriate solutions for the challenges that underpin project delivery, facilitate innovative solutions, or provide a forum for marginalised voices are particularly encouraged. Conference delegates will join a supportive international cadre of academics, policymakers, and practitioners. They will be provided with a unique opportunity to receive feedback on their work and engage in discussions around it.

The full paper submissions are expected to contribute to the advancement of our discipline with papers expected to be in the advanced stage of development. The developmental paper submissions are an excellent opportunity to present research in early stages, which is however well grounded in theory and methodology. Developmental paper sessions are structured around real-time, constructive feedback from other participants rather than formal academic discussions.

Symposia and Workshops

In addition to full and developmental papers we also explicitly welcome proposals for symposia and workshops.

- Symposia should address critical or fundamental questions of our discipline and encourage a new direction of research. They should link together a number of papers across one theme and involve a number of researchers.
- Workshops should facilitate active participant engagement, learning and sharing of experiences in a defined aspect of project management. In particular, we are interested in workshop proposals, which include the voice of practice and focus on the relationship between academia and industry.