



# Abstract Submission Guidelines

Work, Employment and Society Conference 2026

University of Bath

Wednesday 9 - Friday 11 September 2026

- Abstracts should be submitted via the BSA's online abstract submission process.
- All abstracts should be a maximum of 500 words. They should enable referees to determine the issue, development or problem being investigated; how it is being investigated; and the findings and contribution. Please provide information about the theoretical position, the methodology, data set (if relevant) and the stage of the research. Submissions are anonymously reviewed.

## Oral Papers

All oral presentations will take place in a paper session (1.5 hours) made up of four Oral presentations. **Each Oral presentation will be 20-minute papers** so you should plan to speak for **15 minutes and allow 5 minutes for comments and questions**. The conference organising committee will allocate Oral paper slots after consideration of all accepted abstracts, together with the keywords supplied by authors. All rooms are equipped with a computer, screen, projector and PowerPoint facilities.

## Posters

The organisers wish to encourage the presentation of suitable material by poster rather than in an oral presentation, and a prominent display area will be available.

Poster presentations are an ideal opportunity for those who are more comfortable with visual presentation methods to present preliminary work or to display complex findings. Poster presentations allow delegates more time to study and reflect on the work, often resulting in thought-provoking questions and comments.

Poster presenters will be provided with a space on a display board.

## Special Events

**Special Event sessions are 1.5-hour sessions** and may offer theoretical, empirical, methodological or policy-related contributions. The format may include multiple speakers (with multiple abstracts), an author with a discussant, or more creative presentation formats. The organiser of the session should complete the special event abstract submission form.

The first submission for the Special Event (Abstract Submission 1) should be the overview abstract of the special event explaining the content and format of the session. You can then click to 'Add another Abstract Submission' in order to add more abstracts that are part of your special event. Please indicate in your application whether speakers are confirmed or provisional.

The session organiser should ensure that all participants in the session are fully aware that they will need to register to attend the conference. All correspondence will go to the submitter/session organiser only.

## PhD Showcase

PhD Showcase presentations are oral presentations that will take place in a paper session (1.5 hours) made up of four Oral presentations. **Each PhD Showcase Oral presentation will be 20-minute papers** so you should plan to speak for **15 minutes and allow 5 minutes for comments and questions**.

Submissions are designed to feature PhD work and will be supported by an experienced discussant. This aligns with the new WES PhD Showcase and is designed for those within three years of PhD, looking for a supportive experience. PhD Showcase presentations may take place in a paper session

with other PhD Showcase presentations, other Oral presentations, or On the Front Line presentations.

### **On the Front Line**

On the Front Line presentations are oral presentations that will take place in a paper session (1.5 hours) made up of four Oral presentations. **Each On the Front Line Oral presentation will be 20-minute papers** so you should plan to speak for **15 minutes and allow 5 minutes for comments and questions**. These submissions foreground the experience of workers in collaboration with academic colleagues. Please indicate if any speakers are not academic presenters. On the Front Line presentations may take place in a paper session with other On the Front Line presentations, other Oral presentations, or PhD Showcase presentations.

## **HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT**

**The presenting author should complete the online submission form.**

- You will need to log in or register in order to submit an abstract.
- Visit the [BSA website](#) and click Submit on the right hand side of the page.
- Submit your abstract on the submission page. You can review your abstract, save it and revisit at a later stage. Once submitted successfully, a pop-up message will appear on the screen and you will receive an email with confirmation of your abstract submission. You can check your MyBSA area under Abstract Submission Details to view the status of your abstract.
  - Please note only the person who submits the abstract will receive communications regarding the abstract, any co-authors will **not receive** these communications.
  - Co-authors will not be listed in the programme grid due to space availability but they will be listed in the abstract book.
  - Co-authors that wish to attend and/or present will need to register for the conference.

For any further queries please contact the [BSA Events Team](#).