Call for Abstracts

PhD students within WASP-HS are invited to contribute to the Winter Conference either with a poster, a talk and by participating in a workshop discussion on one (or two, if possible) of four topics:

- AI and modelling in social sciences: creating a network
- AI and political communication
- Transdisciplinary approach to data structures and data practices, how do we perceive and approach data in our fields?
- Transparency from a legal and ethical perspective
- The role of AI in preserving cultural heritage
- What is the worst possible use of your research?

All PhD students should submit an abstract to the Winter Conference. In addition, each PhD student will be requested to review two of the submitted abstracts. This means that the first abstract you submit is a draft, if you will. You then resubmit the revised abstract after comments a few weeks later. Dates are provided below.

The activities related to the Winter Conference are intended to train the WASP-HS students in:

1. Summarising their work or planned work
2. Preparing an abstract according to a specific layout
3. Evaluating the work of others in a fair and constructive way
4. Presenting their research either orally or on a poster to a multidisciplinary audience.

Topics

The abstracts can describe ideas, planned, ongoing or completed research depending on how far the PhD students have come in their thesis work. Try to bring home one main point even if you have done or have planned to do many different things.

Structure of the abstracts

The structure of the text should follow what is customary in the relevant field but should not include any headings or other formatting. The abstract should be maximum one page
long. There should not be any page number on the page. It is important that the abstract is self-contained. For completed work, the abstract should read as a compressed version of an article.

The title should describe the research succinctly, ideally as a statement of the main point of the abstract if possible.

The submitting PhD student should be the first (or only) author of the abstract.

Add the affiliation below the names(s).

The contents of the abstract can follow whatever conventions are customary in your field taking into account that the abstract should be understandable for people with the different backgrounds found within WASP-HS.

For empirical work, the first section could typically introduce the problem studied and the last should end with the take home message of the abstract. The rest of the text should give answers to the following questions either directly or indirectly: (1) what you have done? (2) what was the result? (3) what is new? (4) why is it interesting? For planned work you could instead report on expected results and what they would mean. For theoretical work, the structure is freer. Use whatever makes sense for your topic.

Abstract layout

A template for the abstract layout is available in Word-format. Submissions that do not adhere to the layout template will need to be resubmitted in correct format.

Footnotes should be avoided, but if deemed necessary, they can be used to include references or other auxiliary information.

Submission procedure

The abstract should be uploaded in PDF format on the registration site. Also indicate whether you prefer to present orally or as a poster at the conference.

Peer reviewing

Each PhD student is required to peer review two of the submitted abstracts. The purpose of the peer review is to give constructive comments on the submitted abstracts in order for them to become even better in the final version. Detailed peer reviewing instructions will be available. A dedicated web page will be used to submit the reviews.

Decision on Presentations

The decision on whether the contributions will be presented orally, as posters or in a panel will depend on your preferences as well as the evaluations made in the reviews and
an ambition to put together a good and varied program within the constraints of the available time.

Important Dates

January 8, 2024: Abstract submission deadline
January 12, 2024: Peer reviewing starts
January 19, 2024: Deadline for submitting reviews
January 24, 2024: Feedback to authors
January 31, 2024: Final deadline for revised abstracts
February 7-9 2024: Conference