



2nd Call for Proposals

Dear SIG14 members, dear colleagues,

We hope that you, your families, and friends stayed healthy during this challenging Covid pandemic. Even though the pandemic is not over yet, we are optimistic that we will succeed in realising a re-start of our conference activities with the SIG14 conference in Paderborn, Germany. After all, we are looking forward to meeting in person again as we have all missed the personal contact and exchange with our closest colleagues and friends in the scientific community throughout the past one and a half years.

With this call we invite you to submit proposals on your recent research on learning and professional development to be presented and discussed in Paderborn. Our entire team at Paderborn University is proud to host the SIG14 conference at its 20th anniversary which coincides with our university's 50th anniversary.

We did not choose a particular theme for the conference but aim to celebrate the close relationships that were formed inside and through the SIG community, looking back upon 20 years of SIG14 conferences, and research on learning and professional development. We therefore welcome all contributions that fit the scope of SIG14 and encourage you to submit your proposals.

Roadmap to SIG14 – Save the Dates!

15 th November 2021	Submission system opens
31 st January 2022	Submission deadline
31 st March 2022	Review decisions
1 st April 2022	Registration opens
31 st May 2022	Early bird registration deadline
30 th June 2022	Presenter registration deadline
31 st July 2022	Programme online
16 th August 2022	Pre-conference workshops
17 th -19 th August 2022	SIG14 Conference

The conference will start in the morning on August 17th and ends in the afternoon on August 19th. On the 16th of August a pre-conference with different workshops is planned (see below).

Submissions and formats

Both empirical and theoretical proposals for symposia, papers, poster, as well as roundtable presentations are warmly welcome. Proposals need to be submitted in English via the conference management system (see below). Before submitting your proposal, we recommend reading the submission guidelines below carefully so that you select the appropriate format for your presentation. Each of the formats is equally valuable and well-regarded but serves a different purpose. If any questions come up or anything is unclear, please contact us at sig14@upb.de.

According to EARLI policies, you may not submit more than two proposals as first author. You may participate however as a non-presenting co-author for as many times as you like. We also ask you to volunteer as a chairperson for a session (paper, poster, roundtable; not including symposia) and/or a reviewer. You can sign up for those roles when you register your user account at the conference management system.

PLEASE NOTE: The conference programme will avoid timetable conflicts for presenting authors, chairs, and discussants but not for co-authors, so please keep that in mind.

Symposia

Symposia provide an opportunity to present research on one topic, often from multiple perspectives, compiling a coherent set of papers for discussion. Participants of symposia sessions are either three or four presenters, one discussant, and a chairperson. The presenters need to come from at least three different countries. The task of the chairperson is to direct the session and manage the time. While the presenters will orally present their research, the discussant's task is to summarise and interactively discuss the presented research. A key goal of symposia is to generate interactive discussions among presenters and the audience, so please consider how this can be achieved. If you opt for three presenters, we expect the fourth 15-minute slot to be used for active discussion with the audience. One review criterion will evaluate to which extent the symposium aims to be interactive. This may be achieved by outlining contradictory perspectives or ambivalent results.

A symposium is scheduled for 90 minutes, allowing four presentations with 15 minutes of time per speaker, ten minutes for the discussant, and 20 minutes for open discussion. Symposia will take place in the two auditoriums.

Organisers of symposia have to name a chairperson (organisers may also be the chairperson) and nominate the discussant. They are also responsible for submitting the entire symposium including the individual presentations in the online system. A symposium proposal comprises a 500 word long extended summary for each presentation as well as a 500 word long summary that describes the goals of the symposium, how the single presentations fit together, and how the symposium aims to generate an interactive discussion. The extended summaries for each presentation should describe the presentation's motivation, theoretical framework, method (if applicable), findings (if applicable), and a discussion of the findings (if applicable). A joint list of references can be put in additionally and does not count as part of the word limit. Figures, tables, and other additional material can be uploaded either as a single PDF or a ZIP file for the whole symposium.

In each room, in which symposia will take place, a computer, digital projector, and internet access will be provided. Own computers can be connected to the projectors via a provided HDMI cable.

Papers

Paper sessions are oral presentations of four papers, followed by a short discussion with the audience. It is important that empirical papers have data and results, otherwise they will not be accepted. Research that is at an earlier stage is more suitable for roundtable or poster sessions. Of course, theoretical papers are welcome as well. A chairperson will moderate the session and manage the time.

Paper sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes. Four presenters are given 15 minutes presentation time each followed by about five minutes for clarifying questions and a short discussion. The residual ten minutes can be used for a more general discussion.

A paper proposal comprises a 500 word long extended summary that describes the presentation's motivation, theoretical framework, method (if applicable), findings (if applicable), and a discussion of the findings (if applicable). A list of references can be put in additionally and does not count as part of the word limit. Figures, tables, and other additional material can be uploaded as a single PDF.

In each room, in which paper sessions will take place, a computer, digital projector, and internet access will be provided. Own computers can be connected to the projectors via a provided HDMI cable.

Posters

Interactive poster sessions involve a small number of posters, visually presenting research studies at any stage as well as theoretical contributions. The poster presentations will take place in a setting reminiscent of a gallery and the audience will gather as a group. A short oral presentation of about five minutes is given by each presenter in front of their own poster, followed by a free in-depth discussion between everyone. The poster sessions offer researchers the chance to present their work in a visual format and offer more opportunities for interaction and discussion. The poster session will be moderated by a chairperson.

Poster sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes. Posters should be printed in either A0 or A1 format. As we cannot print posters at the conference venue, presenters are responsible for bringing their own posters along or to visit a nearby copy shop at their own expense.

A poster proposal comprises a 500 word long extended summary that describes the poster's motivation, theoretical framework, method (if applicable), findings (if applicable), and a discussion of the findings (if applicable). A list of references can be put in additionally and does not count as part of the word limit. Figures, tables, and other additional material can be uploaded as a single PDF.

Materials for fixing posters on the walls or poster boards will be provided. Posters will be on display in the foyer for the upcoming conference days. You might consider bringing handout versions of your posters for distribution purpose.

Roundtables

Roundtable sessions offer opportunities for a more discursive exploration of research issues than paper sessions. This may as well involve discussion of works in progress and non-perfect data. The presenters explain their research and research issue and invite the participants to help solving a problem or to discuss emerging data. As the name suggests, roundtable sessions will take place at a board-room style table. Four or five presenters will present their research in about 10 minutes directly followed by a discussion. The roundtable session will be moderated by a chairperson who also keeps track of the time.

Roundtable sessions are scheduled for 90 minutes. Presenters are free to decide on how to present their research. However, one or two-sided handouts are usually preferred.

A roundtable proposal comprises a 500 word long extended summary that describes the presentation's motivation, theoretical framework, method (if applicable), findings (if applicable), and a discussion of the findings (if applicable). A list of references can be put in additionally and does not count as part of the word limit. Figures, tables, and other additional material can be uploaded via one single PDF.

Submission system

The detailed submission guidelines will be announced at the conference website (see below). For submission, review, and conference registration the established conference management system ConfTool will be used. The system opens on November 15th, 2021.

As described above, the conference programme will avoid timetable conflicts for presenting authors, chairs, and discussants. For this purpose, it is important that your name is only linked to one unique e-mail address. Especially in the context of joint proposals that you do not submit yourself, you should advise the submitting author on what e-mail address to use. For instance, the submission system recognises `firstname.lastname@uni-paderborn.de` and `firstname.lastname@upb.de` as two different conference participants (even though this e-mail address points to the same person and a single mailbox) and will therefore not pay attention to any timetable conflicts.

Advance payment information

Due to the new European rules of data privacy and security it was not possible to organise credit card payment for registration. This was a big disappointment for our organising committee. Please be prepared that you will have to send the registration fee by bank transfer. We are sorry for this, because we know that this payment method is inconvenient for most of us!

Pre-conference workshops

On August 16th a pre-conference with workshops on different research methods is planned (e.g., structural equation modelling for beginners, working with vignettes, design-based research, diary research method). The workshops will take place in the afternoon on Tuesday and need to be booked in advance when registering for the conference via the conference management system.

Social events

We have planned two social events for you! On Wednesday evening (17th August) we will experience an exclusive visit to the Heinz Nixdorf Forum Museum with a guided tour (The HNF is the world's largest computer museum: <https://www.hnf.de/en/home.html>). On Thursday (18th August) we will close the day with the popular Gala Dinner at Schützenhof (<https://www.schuetzenhof.de/>) where we all can spend some joyful and pleasant hours with music, cold beverages, and delicious food. Conference fees will cover the attendance for both events.

Some of you will already arrive in Paderborn on Tuesday. We are looking forward to meeting you at an informal gathering (16th August, 7pm) in a restaurant. Further details for all events will be published in the near future.

Hygiene measures

We are confident that we can organise a safe event because we are planning to have open-air meeting as well as a marquee. Of course, we will follow the official regulations to stop the spread of Covid-19 applicable in August next year. We will keep you updated on the regulations on our website and via Twitter (see below). If necessary, we also will organise Covid test kits for participants.

Conference website	https://uni-paderborn.de/sig14
Submission system	https://www.conftool.org/sig14pb2022/
E-Mail contact	sig14@upb.de
Twitter	@2022sig14
