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## 2022 Conference Call for Papers

### Planned Format/Covid-19 Conditions

The International Association for Relationship Research (IARR) is planning to conduct its next main conference in London, England. The conference is scheduled for 28 July (Thursday) to 1 August (Monday) 2022. As you might know, IARR had originally planned to conduct its 2020 conference in an in-person (face-to-face) format. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was converted to a virtual/digital conference for 2021. In addition, IARR sponsored several virtual events throughout the year.

At the time that this article is written (September 2021), IARR is still planning to conduct the 2022 conference in the in-person format. We recognize that some colleagues who've attended prior IARR conferences have missed the face-to-face contact during the past few years. For first-time attendees, we hope that they will find the conference to be a welcoming and illuminating environment. Parallel to prior conferences, we are planning a combination of formal (paper/poster sessions, keynote addresses) and informal (awards dinner) opportunities for collegial interactions.

We are mindful that Covid-19/pandemic conditions vary considerably across locations, and these conditions can change rapidly. In addition, we recognize that there have been frequent modifications in cross-country travel permissions. If IARR leadership decides to delay or convert the 2022 conference to a virtual/digital format, then notification will be provided (e.g., via the website, email announcements). We highly recommend that all attendees make **refundable** travel arrangements!

### Conference Location

The conference events will be held at Imperial College London (ICL). It is consistently identified as one of the top ten schools in Europe, and has research collaborations with colleagues from approximately 130 nations (ICL, 2021). It is located in the Knightsbridge area, near London's Kensington Gardens and Hyde Park.



London is the largest and most culturally diverse city in England. Over 300 languages are spoken in the local communities (Serrant, 2018). It is a thriving environment for researchers, lecturers, public policy professionals, community advocates, client service providers and students.

Beyond the conference, there is much that can be learned and enjoyed in London. This city has a vast array of performing arts venues, sporting events, museums, pubs, shops, historical sites and parks. London has more than 50 Michelin-star restaurants (Ellis, 2021) and some exceptional “street food” (Brennan, 2019). City/regional tours are conducted by helicopter, boat, bus and foot (walking). For those seeking to get away from the bustling crowds, there are many neighborhoods with unique charms outside the central city area. As an international travel hub, London offers relatively easy access to other regions within Great Britain as well as Nordic and European countries.

## **Conference Submissions**

Submissions will be made via the IARR 2022 conference website (<http://iarr2022.com>). Submissions will be accepted between 12:01am (Greenwich Mean Time [GMT] – Coordinated Universal Time) on 15 November 2021 and 11:59pm GMT on 15 January 2022. {Note: If colleagues are unfamiliar with the differences between their local time zone and GMT, they are advised to consult world clock/time zone websites or apps.}

There will be options for diverse presentation formats (e.g., posters, data blitz [brief] papers, full-length papers, symposia). A symposium is comprised of 3-4 papers which have a single common topic. Thus, all of the papers should clearly address the same topic in some manner. This topic can be theoretical/conceptual, methodological, demographic, geographic, or interpersonal in nature. Authors who wish to submit a symposium proposal will be responsible for collaborating with colleagues to write a proposal. IARR will not be responsible for locating or matching colleagues who are interested in creating a symposium proposal.

For each single proposal (e.g., poster, data blitz paper, full-length paper), the authors will need to submit an abstract (limited to a maximum of 250 words). For each group proposal (e.g., symposium), the authors will need to submit a general purpose statement plus an abstract for each paper (e.g., 3 abstracts for 3 papers; 4 abstracts for 4 papers). Each proposal will be evaluated by reviewers. The reviewers’ scores will be used to determine which proposals are accepted for conference presentations.

## Conference Website

More details about London, the Conference and Submission process are available via the conference website (<http://iarr2022.com>).

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