

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION HYBRID CONFERENCE

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ODeL in the Global South

Opportunities in times of volatility,
uncertainty, complexity, and
ambiguity (VUCA)

Define tomorrow.



The Portfolio: Research, Postgraduate Studies, Innovation and Commercialisation and The UNESCO Chair on Open Distance Learning



I. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

	Papers	Workshops	ODeL Postgraduate Student Consortium
Language	English	English	English
Length For conference For open access book <i>ODeL in the Global South: Opportunities in times of volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity (VUCA)</i>	EXTENDED ABSTRACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1000-word abstract to present at the conference by 20 June 2023, indicating sub-theme/s addressed and five keywords To be considered for publication in a book to be published in 2024, full chapter of 5000-6000 words, including references, indicating sub-theme/s, and keywords by 15 September 2023 	200 words	2000 words, including all figures and references

Abstract and keywords		Abstracts should not be longer than 200 words and the total proposal should not exceed 2 000 words (including references).	An abstract of up to 200 words and 3-5 keywords describing the main topics should be included																		
	Chicago referencing style	N/A	APA referencing style																		
Preparation for submission	<p>For 1000-word abstract the submission document should be a PDF and should contain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title • Author details • Keywords • 1000-word text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title • Workshop background (rationale) • Objectives and outcomes • Organisational details (how the workshop will be organised – participatory or group work) • Activities • Number of participants • Workshop requirements (e.g., Google docs, number of breakaway rooms needed) • References 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first page must contain the title of the paper, the full name of the author, the institution and contact details. • The paper outlining the candidate’s research should be in the form of an abbreviated dissertation proposal, as outlined below: <table border="1" data-bbox="1050 712 1520 2011"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 712 1273 813">1. Problem statement:</td> <td data-bbox="1273 712 1520 813">What is the problem that you are addressing?</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 813 1273 1014">2. Relevancy:</td> <td data-bbox="1273 813 1520 1014">Why is the problem important? Who will benefit if you succeed in conducting this research?</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 1014 1273 1149">3. Related work:</td> <td data-bbox="1273 1014 1520 1149">How have others attempted to address this problem?</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 1149 1273 1283">4. Research question(s):</td> <td data-bbox="1273 1149 1520 1283">What are the research questions that you plan to address?</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 1283 1273 1384">5. Objectives</td> <td data-bbox="1273 1283 1520 1384">What do you want to achieve with your study?</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 1384 1273 1518">6. Approach(es)</td> <td data-bbox="1273 1384 1520 1518">How are you planning to address your research questions?</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 1518 1273 1686">7. Methodology</td> <td data-bbox="1273 1518 1520 1686">What types of methods have you used or are you planning to use for your study?</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 1686 1273 1821">8. Preliminary results (optional)</td> <td data-bbox="1273 1686 1520 1821">Do you have any preliminary results that you would like to share?</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1050 1821 1273 2011">9. Rationale:</td> <td data-bbox="1273 1821 1520 2011">How is your suggested solution different from, new or better than existing approaches to the problem?</td> </tr> </table>	1. Problem statement:	What is the problem that you are addressing?	2. Relevancy:	Why is the problem important? Who will benefit if you succeed in conducting this research?	3. Related work:	How have others attempted to address this problem?	4. Research question(s):	What are the research questions that you plan to address?	5. Objectives	What do you want to achieve with your study?	6. Approach(es)	How are you planning to address your research questions?	7. Methodology	What types of methods have you used or are you planning to use for your study?	8. Preliminary results (optional)	Do you have any preliminary results that you would like to share?	9. Rationale:	How is your suggested solution different from, new or better than existing approaches to the problem?
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			All proposals submitted will undergo a thorough reviewing process and the authors of those proposals that are selected will be invited to give a presentation at the Postgraduate Consortium that forms part of the conference programme.
Editorial responsibilities	<p>The editorial committee is permitted to make changes to the final document, such as editing changes.</p> <p>Final proofs will be signed off by the author. The conference committee chair will sign off for posting on the Unisa 2023 Open Distance and e-Learning Virtual Conference collection on the ScienceOpen platform.</p>	N/A	N/A
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Submission process	<p>The Unisa 2023 Open Distance and e-Learning Virtual Conference uses the ScienceOpen platform to manage the submission and review processes. Submissions will be treated as preprints on the ScienceOpen platform.</p> <p>Complete guidelines for preparing and submitting your abstract to this conference are provided. New users should first create an account.</p> <p>Registration on the ScienceOpen platform requires users to have an ORCID account. Once a user has logged onto the site, submissions should be made via the "Submit manuscript" link.</p> <p>Papers must be submitted to:</p>	<p>Workshop proposals should be submitted to: odelconference@unisa.ac.za</p>	<p>ODEL Postgraduate Consortium proposals should be submitted to Prof Sindile Ngubane at: ngubasa@unisa.ac.za</p>

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Who should submit a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • abstract • workshop proposal • ODeL Postgraduate Consortium presentation (on-going dissertation work) 	<p>The submission process is open to all ODeL academics/experts. All submissions will be reviewed according to how they address the theme and sub-themes of the conference, their academic rigor and the quality of the research design, methodology and findings.</p> <p>Chapter submission requirements will be communicated to authors whose abstract has been accepted for the conference.</p>	<p>The submission process is open to anyone with expertise in the field of open, distance and e-learning. Workshop proposals will be evaluated in terms of their value contribution in addressing the themes and sub-themes of the conference, the workshop methodology and interest value for participants.</p>	<p>The intention of the ODeL Postgraduate Consortium is to support and inspire master's and doctoral students during their research efforts. The Consortium will provide a supportive forum where master's/doctoral students can present their ideas and receive constructive feedback from prominent scholars in the areas of open distance and e-learning (ODeL), open educational resources (OERs), massive open online courses (MOOCs) and technology-enhanced learning, as well as serving to build a cohort of emerging researchers in the identified fields.</p> <p>It is envisaged that the Postgraduate Consortium will be able to accommodate 10-20 presentations (allowing 20 minutes for each presentation, including questions and discussions). Therefore, we suggest that each presentation be no longer than 10 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for questions from the audience and discussion of the candidate's presentation. The workshop will form part of the parallel session during the Unisa 2023 Open Distance and e-Learning Conference.</p> <p>Hence, Unisa is inviting master's and doctoral students who are conducting research in ODeL, OERs, MOOCs and technology-enhanced learning to participate in the Consortium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must be currently enrolled at any university. Therefore, the author must not have earned a master's or doctoral degree, nor have officially submitted his/her thesis. • Submissions must address master's or doctoral research by means of a specific research proposal and some preliminary work that has been done. • Submissions must be made by a single author and should include a statement by the student's advisor / supervisor, indicating the benefit that the student would derive from attending the consortium. • All proposals submitted will undergo a thorough reviewing process and

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II. PRIZES FOR BEST PAPERS

Recognition will be given for the following papers:

- Best ODeL paper (as judged by the editorial committee)
- Best first paper in ODeL (as judged by the paper review committee)
- Best ODeL Postgraduate Consortium paper (as judged by the Postgraduate Consortium review committee)

III. IMPORTANT DATES

Call announcement	5 February 2023
Second call for papers	13 March 2023
Final call for papers (reminder)	02 May 2023
Conference registration opens	16 May 2023
Deadline for workshop proposal titles	20 June 2023
Notification of workshop proposal acceptance	20 June 2023
Deadline for extended 1000-word paper extract	20 June 2023
Deadline paper submission for ODeL Postgraduate Student Consortium	20 June 2023
Notification of paper acceptance for ODeL Postgraduate Student Consortium	06 July 2023
Notification of paper acceptance and feedback	06 July 2023
Submission of paper for presentation	04 August 2023
Pre-conference workshops	14 August 2023
Conference	15-17 August 2023
Final chapter submissions from authors wishing to have their chapters considered for publication in the ODeL 2023 book	15 September 2023

IV. CONFERENCE ENQUIRIES

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V. ODEL POSTGRADUATE STUDENT CONSORTIUM ENQUIRIES

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VI. WEBSITE

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