Trinity College Dublin
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International Postgraduate Research Conference

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Call for Submissions
Welcome

On behalf of The Graduate Students’ Union at Trinity College, The University of Dublin, we cordially invite you to the 2nd annual Postgraduate research conference on Thursday March 15th & Friday March 16th 2018.

This year we are delighted to welcome back the Irish postgraduate community and postgraduates from around the world, and to extend an invitation to those we have yet to connect with. This year’s conference theme reaches back into history as well as forward into the future, through the theme of ‘Knowledge and Memory”. The conference aims not only to bring postgraduate students together to present their research findings but to network, socialise and provide an opportunity for scholars to integrate with the graduate community here in Ireland.

In 2017, we have witnessed numerous societal, cultural and environmental changes across the globe. Some of these have brought us closer together as individuals, while others have served to divide communities. These changes force us to consider where we have come from, and how we begin to shape our future. While being cognisant of our collective and individual memories, we must move together into the future as best we can. In the era of ‘fake news’ and spin, how can we increase and spread knowledge in innovative ways? Togetherness may be the lynchpin that ties our knowledge and our memory together.

In these tumultuous times, it is those who work together, who hold collective memory with a gentle hand and yet strive towards the truth of knowledge that will forge the path to our future. The research of today shaped the society of tomorrow, just as the research of yesterday shapes the present as we know it. This conference seeks to take a moment to look both backwards and ahead, as we situate ourselves in a world of sudden and disconcerting changes.

“Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” – Tom Ford
The four pillars of focus in this international research conference explore topics that ask us to reflect through our research philosophically. It is through advancements in these 4 key areas that we can shape our future for the better and ensure that this gathering of early career researchers is of global consequence. For this reason we invite submissions that explore both directly and indirectly the pillars of scholarly research referred to:

The Four Pillars:

** Foundations to Future Innovation:** With technological innovations, genetic engineering, artificial intelligence, and cyberwarfare moving ahead one must ask is our ethical oversight keeping up? Has the foundation to these innovations become compromised with technological determinism?

** Human Equality, Diversity and Inclusion:** Through the scholarly vision of research, we can break down the borders that confront us and build a world with brighter horizons, thus creating conditions for a harmonious future.

** Cultural Reflection and Transformation of Identity:** 2017 was the year of unexpected cultural and political events. How did we get there? In turn, this forces our society to reconceptualise notions of national and collective identity in the global community.

** The Longevity Dividend:** Science has revolutionized our understanding of the biology of life and death. This has created a real scientific foundation for the feasibility of extending and improving life. This step forward has reduced the probability of diabetes, heart disease and other common killers. Overall, this has resulted in astronomical savings, both in direct medical costs and productivity loss thus reducing demand on the already overburdened health care system.

Submissions are strongly encouraged from all academic fields and disciplines. Students are asked to submit an abstract (approx. 250 words) via email to PGConference@tcdgsu.ie by 5pm on February 5th. Please include within the body of your email your full name, discipline, academic institution and your contact details. If successful, students will receive an invite to present at the conference accompanied by the digital welcome pack with a list of keynote speakers in the New Year.

Please direct any questions and communication regarding the conference to: PGConference@tcdgsu.ie

On behalf of Trinity Graduate Students’ Union

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