

2024 East Midlands Doctoral Network (EMDoc) PGR Conference

Theme: Collaborations, Connections and Positive Change: Imagining Possible Futures Through Research

Date and time: Wednesday 25th September 2024, 9.30am to 5pm

Where: Online, Zoom (link to follow)

In a world shaped by rapid digital and technological change, shifting social identities, and ongoing economic challenges, the need for research which aims to address these issues is vital. Further, in the face of ongoing political and environmental crises, the ability to develop researchers who can challenge entrenched ways of thinking, connect with communities, and collaborate to create new solutions and enact positive social change, is of critical importance.

The [East Midlands Doctoral Network](#) (EMDoc) consists of nine universities within the East Midlands region, aiming to provide opportunities for collaboration and networking amongst all member universities' PGRs. Each year, EMDoc holds a conference, which for 2024 will be organised jointly by Nottingham Trent University and the University of Nottingham.

The theme for the 2024 EMDoc conference is '*Collaborations, Connections and Positive Change: Imagining Possible Futures Through Research*'. This event seeks to support cross-disciplinary and cross-institutional dialogue and collaboration, inviting contributions from PGRs working across subject areas.

We invite PGR candidates from across all nine universities to come together to share their research, exchange ideas with their peers, and celebrate the outstanding, innovative work being undertaken by our doctoral community in the East Midlands.

This conference is a fantastic opportunity to practice communicating your research, and to make an active contribution to our regional community of researchers. You will learn about research underway in other subject areas, broaden your understanding of different academic perspectives and methodologies, and network with other PGRs.

This conference will be free to attend, and is for PGRs working in any subject area, at any stage of their studies. It will be hosted online via Zoom, and include parallel panel sessions, shorter 'lightning' presentations and an online display of research posters.

Call for Contributions

We welcome contributions in one of the three forms below:

- 20-minute academic paper presentations (to be given as part of traditional three-paper panels)
- 10 minute 'Lightning' presentations focused on **either** the provocative question at the heart of your research **or** your core thesis statement and its significance (this format is ideal for both first year researchers developing their project)
- A3 Research Poster Submissions (hosted online via Padlet)

If you would like to present at this conference, **please submit your abstract, along with a short biography of one or two sentences (e.g. your name, university, your PhD title, and any projects or academic activities you are involved in) [here](#)**

For 20-minute papers, and posters please submit an abstract of 300 words. For Lightning presentations, please submit an abstract of 150 words.

The deadline for submissions is Monday 10th June 2024. Submission feedback and decisions will be communicated the week commencing 8th July.

Registration for the conference will open w/c 15th July for all PGRs. If you have any questions or would like any support, please email rachel.handforth@ntu.ac.uk or sherran.clarence@ntu.ac.uk