Defence and Security Doctoral Symposium

25 November – 26 November 2015

Event time: 10:00

Location:

Defence Academy of the United Kingdom,

Shrivenham

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

This event is the first of its kind in the UK to provide a forum for PhD students and early career researchers in defence and security to present their work to a sector-wide audience. It will showcase recent research in science and technology.

If you are researching defence and security issues and are a PhD student in your final year or an early career researcher, then this conference will give you the opportunity to share your work, to view other people's work and to network with interested parties in the setting of the Defence Academy of the UK. The conference will include PhD supervisors, as well as representatives from industry, government or other relevant NGOs.

We are seeking contributions in four areas:

- Presentations

- 3MT (3 minute thesis) competition
- Posters
- Installations (images or artworks)

Further details of the requirements for each of these categories are given below. Please fill in the entry form for your contribution and submit to the Conference Selection Committee by **Monday 27th July 2015**. Your contribution will be assessed and you will be informed of the outcome by **Monday 24th August 2015**. Final submissions will be required by **Monday 26th October 2015**.

Presentations

Entry in this category is best suited to reports on completed or nearly completed research. Authors are asked to provide summaries or overviews of work, describing essential features, in the form of an abstract in the first instance.

The formal oral presentation should be limited to 20 minutes.

There will be three sessions of oral presentation, taking place on both days of the conference. Where possible, presentations will be grouped according to theme. There will be a short period of time after each presentation for Q&A and group discussion.

Initially, you are asked to submit a 300-500 word abstract of your intended presentation along with the application form below by Monday 27th July 2015.

You will be informed whether or not you have been successful in your submission by Monday 24th August 2015. On acceptance, you will be asked to submit a paper not exceeding 5000 words in length (including abstract, figures, references and appendices) along with a short biography of up to 50 words and a photograph of yourself by Monday 26th October 2015. Further details will be provided on this when your paper has been accepted.

Papers presented at the conference will be published in the conference proceedings and there will be a prize for the paper judged to be the best at the conference. This will be announced before the conference closes on Thursday 26th November 2015.

3MT competition

The "Three Minute Thesis" (3MT®), developed by the University of Queensland in 2008, is a skills development activity that challenges research students to explain their research project to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes.

Entry in this category is best suited to reports on completed or nearly completed research. Presenters are asked to provide summaries or overviews of work, describing essential features, in the form of an abstract in the first instance.

There will be three sessions of 3MT, taking place on both days of the conference. Where possible, "theses" will be grouped according to theme.

Initially, you are asked to submit a 300-500 word abstract of your intended "thesis" along with the application form below by Monday 27th July 2015.

You will be informed whether or not you have been successful in your submission by Monday 24th August 2015. On acceptance, you will be asked to submit a single PowerPoint slide along with a short biography of up to 50 words and a photograph of yourself by Monday 26th October 2015.

Rules of entry

- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted (no slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description, the slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration).

- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.

- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.

- **Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified**.

- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).

- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through movement or speech.

- The decision of the adjudicating panel is final.

Judging Criteria

Each researcher will be judged by a panel of judges on comprehension and content as well as engagement and communication.

There will be a prize for the best 3MT at the conference. This will be announced before the conference closes on Thursday 26th November 2015.

Posters

Entry in this category is best suited to work in progress. Presenters are asked to provide summaries or overviews of work, describing essential features, in the form of an abstract.

Initially, you are asked to submit a 300-500 word abstract describing the content of your intended poster along with the application form below by Monday 27th July 2015.

You will be informed whether or not you have been successful in your submission by Monday 24th August 2015. On acceptance, presenters are asked to submit a poster in accordance with the rules of entry detailed below by Monday 26th October 2015.

Rules of Entry

- All posters must be A1 size (59.4 x 84.1cm)
- Posters can be submitted either as portrait or landscape

- A4 size versions of the poster may be used as handouts but no other handouts may be used or added to the poster.
- Name, title of poster and the name of the submitting University must be clearly presented on the poster.
- The poster should be in layman's terms and understandable by a member of the general public.

Poster sessions will take place throughout the two days of the conference. Each researcher will be expected to answer questions about their research and poster from conference attendees as well as the judges and so should expect to stand by their poster during breaks and during the judging session, which will take place on the morning of Thursday, 26th November 2015.

Judging criteria

The judges will be clearly identifiable and will introduce themselves as necessary. Each researcher will be judged on their poster as well as their oral presentation of their research during poster sessions.

There will be a prize for the poster judged to be the best at the conference. This will be announced before the conference closes on Thursday 26th November 2015.

Installations (images or artworks)

Entry in this category is suited to reporting both on completed research or work in progress. Presenters are asked to provide summaries or overviews of work, describing essential features, in the form of an abstract.

Initially, you are asked to submit a 300-500 word abstract describing your intended installation along with the application form below by Monday 27th July 2015.

You will be informed whether or not you have been successful in your submission by Monday 24th August 2015. On acceptance, presenters are asked to submit their installation in accordance with the rules of entry detailed below by Monday 26th October 2015.

Rules of entry

- A unique photograph or artwork which illustrates a research project in a creative and engaging way
- Name, title of installation and the name of the submitting University must be clearly displayed.
- The installation should be accompanied by a 150 word summary written in layman's terms and understandable by a member of the general public.

There will be an Images of Research private viewing at 1830hrs on the first day of the conference (Wednesday 25th November 2015). Each researcher will be expected to be present to answer questions about their research and installation from conference attendees as well as the judges and so should expect to stand by their installation during this time.

Judging Criteria

The judges will be clearly identifiable and will introduce themselves as necessary. Each researcher will be judged on their installation as well as the oral presentation of the corresponding research.

There will be a prize for the installation judged to be the best at the conference. This will be announced before the conference closes on Thursday 26th November 2015.

Entry Form

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Name: Work Address:

Email address:
Category PhD Student/Early Career Researcher/Other (please circle as appropriate)
Submitting an abstract for: A paper/3MT/A poster/An installation (please circle as appropriate)
Title:
Abstract (300-500 words)
Deadline for submission: Monday 27th July 2015 Please return this form to: info@symposiaatshrivenham.com

Key Dates

Submission of Abstracts by Monday 27th July 2015

Acceptance notification by Monday 24th August 2015

Paper/3MT/poster/installation and accompanying presentational material by Monday 26th October 2015