The sharing economy is arguably coming of age. As well as becoming an increasingly consolidated phenomenon in itself, research on the topic also represents an increasingly consolidated knowledge base. This ever-dynamic field, however, is still faced with a number of conceptual, methodological and empirical challenges that are increasingly complex and are perpetually shifting.

In this spirit, we are pleased to launch this call for papers for the seventh International Workshop on the Sharing Economy (IWSE), organised by the Faculty of Economics and Business of the Open University of Catalonia (UOC). Indeed, the lifecycle of the IWSE event is in itself a testament to this increasingly consolidated research trajectory on the Sharing Economy, following successful editions in Utrecht (2015; 2019), Paris (2016), Southampton (2016), Lund (2017) and Mannheim (2018).

The city of Barcelona represents an ideal backdrop for this seventh edition of the IWSE, providing an interesting local context for reflecting upon recent developments in sharing economy research as the platform era enters the 2020s. As well as being a major hub for a wide range of platform-based initiatives and collaborative consumption experiences in recent years, Barcelona also has a long and lively tradition of cooperativism; a movement which is arguably still strong in the city.
Topics

We invite contributions on (but not limited to) the following themes:

- Data issues
- Democracy and platform governance
- Environmental impacts
- Gender and class issues
- Geographical comparative approaches
- Inequalities and discrimination
- Inherent conflicts and tensions in the platform era
- Labour and digital transformation
- Legal issues
- New technological solutions favouring fairness and social justice
- Platform business strategies and models
- Regulatory and policy responses
- Sectoral analyses
- Sharing cultures
- Sharing economy and the global South
- Social and economic impacts
- Trust and cooperation
- User experiences and behaviour

Theoretical, empirical and policy contributions focused on different actors, agents and scales of analysis are welcome. Multidisciplinary, longitudinal, comparative and multi / mixed method approaches are particularly encouraged.

Keynote speakers

Professor Oksana Mont, Lund University
Dr Lizzie Richardson, University of Sheffield
Dr Mayo Fuster Morell, Open University of Catalonia (UOC)

Provisional Programme

**Wednesday 1st July 2020 (Fàbrica Damm, Barcelona)**

- 16:30 – 17:30 Arrival / Registration, IWSE 2020
- 17:30 – 17:45 Opening session and welcome
- 17:45 – 18:45 Keynote address, Professor Oksana Mont
- 18:45 – 19:45 Panel debate
- 19:45 Welcome cocktail reception
Thursday 2nd July 2020 (Palau Macaya, Barcelona)

08:45 – 09:30 Registration
09:30 – 10:30 Keynote address, Dr Lizzie Richardson
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee
11:00 – 12:30 Parallel sessions 1
12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
13:30 – 15:00 Parallel sessions 2
15:00 – 15:30 Coffee
15:30 – 17:00 Parallel sessions 3
20:00 Workshop Dinner

Friday 3rd July 2020 (Palau Macaya, Barcelona)

09:30 – 10.30 Keynote address, Dr Mayo Fuster Morell
10.30 – 11.30 Parallel sessions 4
11.30 – 12:00 Coffee
12.00 – 13:30 Parallel sessions 5
13.30 – Lunch
14:00 – Closing session and farewell

Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission: March 15th 2020
Notification of acceptance: April 8th 2020
Registration deadline: May 8th 2020
Workshop: July 1st – 3rd 2020

Fee

The workshop fee is €120 for all participants and includes all workshop sessions, lunches, refreshments and the workshop dinner on Thursday 2nd July 2020.

How to submit

To submit your contribution, send an abstract of between 200 and 400 words outlining your topic, research question / framework, methodology, main findings and 2-3 keywords to iwse@uoc.edu by March 15th 2020 at the latest.

For venue capacity reasons, there will be a limit on the number of abstracts we are able to accept and as such, priority will be given to those abstracts that are clearly oriented to research finding above those with a more preliminary focus. All abstracts will be double blind reviewed by at least two members of the Scientific Committee.
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Venues

Fàbrica Damm (map)

Palau Macaya (map)
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