<u>Call for papers: Insolvency Research</u> and Technical Conference

The conference will take place on 19 November 2021 and the purpose is to:

- provide a platform for current insolvency research and technical discussion
- facilitate a stronger link between academia, the insolvency sector and policy-makers
- encourage comment and feedback from interested parties

The working title and theme of the conference are:

Forward Thinking: Insolvency strategies for a post-pandemic economy

We invite all scholars, researchers, postgraduate students, insolvency practitioners and others with interests in insolvency law and related areas to participate by submitting for presentation at the conference:

- an academic research paper OR
- a technical issue relating to insolvency practice

The Insolvency Service welcomes submissions in all areas of personal and corporate insolvency, whether UK or international in focus. Preference will be given to submissions that look beyond the response to Covid19; we are looking for new and exciting perspectives on the future of insolvency law and regulation.

The deadline for submission is Friday 23 July. For selected papers, a draft of the full paper to be presented at the conference will be required by Friday 22 October.

Research submissions will be considered by a panel comprising academics from the field of insolvency law and representatives from the Insolvency Service. Technical submissions will be considered by a panel comprising representatives from the Insolvency Service.

The conference will be hosted at Aston University, Birmingham and we anticipate that presenters and a limited number of delegates will be able to attend in person. The conference will also be available to delegates via video conference.

Conference Format

We expect that up to 8 submissions will be featured at the conference. Presenters will have approximately 20 minutes to introduce their research paper or chosen technical issue. Additional time for discussion and Q&As will be available.

Submission of Abstracts

Those wishing to make a submission should prepare an abstract (not exceeding 500 words) and send it to: keverne.howell@insolvency.gov.uk. Please indicate in your covering email whether you are submitting a research paper or a technical issue for discussion.

Your covering email should also include your name, firm/affiliation/role (where applicable), email and telephone number. This information will be removed when the abstract is forwarded to the relevant panel for consideration. Please ensure the abstract does not contain information or acknowledgments that could reveal your identity, firm or affiliation.

Further Information

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