



Call for Participation

ESSA@work at SSC2022,

the 17th annual Social Simulation Conference between 12–16 September 2022 at the University of Milan, Italy, and online

Deadline for extended abstracts and full papers: 1st June 2022

Are you currently working on an agent-based or individual-based modelling project? Do you want to discuss your work-in-progress model and get expert feedback to improve your model? Would you prefer doing all this in a relaxed, friendly, and encouraging setting?

Then we invite you to submit your work to [ESSA@work](#) at the Social Simulation Conference (SSC) 2022 in Milan.

ESSA@work sessions are a regular part of the main activities of the European Social Simulation Association (ESSA) such as the Social Simulation Conference. As in previous years, ESSA@work will offer presenters an opportunity to present problems and questions related to their work-in-progress models to get feedback, input and suggestions.

ESSA@work will have presentations and feedback from the audience like in any other session. In addition, two modelling experts will provide in-depth feedback based on the submitted extended abstract or full paper and the presentation. At the end of each presentation, the two experts will engage in a dialogue discussing the work presented, which often inspires presenters to see their work in a new light. The exact time allowed for both presentation and discussion will be communicated to confirmed ESSA@work presenters, but it will be between 10 to 15 minutes each (e.g. a 10 minute presentation followed by a 10 minute discussion).

ESSA@work is open to all interested modellers at any career stage (PhD students, Post-doctorates, Lecturers, Professors); **having a work-in-progress model on which you would like expert and peer feedback is the key requirement!** Exemplary issues are: formalisation, gathering/use of empirical data, (design of) simulation experiments, using programming toolkits, validation & verification. The highly involved participation from presenters, experts and audience in discussing cutting-edge research in a constructive atmosphere makes ESSA@work a valuable experience for all participants.

Presenters can submit their ESSA@work contributions to be considered for the conference best paper award, provided they submit a full paper, they are the first author and will present the work themselves in Milan in person or online.

How to apply for ESSA@work:

- > **Submit a conference contribution:** An Extended Abstract (3-4 pages) OR a Full Paper (max. 12 pages). Please see <https://ssc2022.behavelab.org/submissions/> for details (deadline 1st June 2022)
- > **Indicate that you wish to submit your extended abstract or full paper to the ESSA@work track** in the EasyChair conference submission system. All papers submitted to the Social Simulation Conference 2022 will undergo a peer review process. Further submission guidelines and the EasyChair link can be found in <https://ssc2022.behavelab.org/submissions/>
- > **Complete a short ESSA@work application form** which includes a few questions to help us understand how best to identify and match you with modelling experts. Questions focus on your background & skills relevant to modelling and on the problems and questions you wish to discuss at ESSA@work. Please [complete the ESSA@work application form](#) also by 1st June 2022.
 - > **Note:** An ESSA@work extended abstract or full paper without a corresponding ESSA@work application form will not be accepted.
- > If accepted to present at ESSA@work, you will be invited to read and provide feedback on the extended abstracts/full papers of the other presenter(s) in your session (max. up to 2 papers)

Things to Remember:

It is essential to have a work-in-progress model to present at ESSA@work. Models can be at any stage of development, although those at the early stages of development (e.g., at the design stage) should still have a clear description of the purpose, scope, structure and logic of the model. See our compact guides on [submitting to ESSA@work](#), suggestions for [writing for ESSA@work](#), and [things to remember for more information](#). Any accepted submissions (extended abstracts or full papers) that cannot be placed in the ESSA@work track will be scheduled in the conference as a regular presentation.

Important dates:

- > **1st June 2022:** ESSA@work full paper/extended abstract submissions via SSC 2022 EasyChair conference submission system and [ESSA@work application form](#) deadline
- > **15th July 2022:** Notification of acceptance at SSC 2022
- > **22nd July 2022:** Notification of acceptance in ESSA@work track
- > **15th August 2022:** Final version of extended abstract or full paper submission deadline

For ESSA@work questions, please contact essaatworkgroup@gmail.com.

See you in September!

[The ESSA@work organising committee](#)

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