

## Guidelines and Criteria for the Submission of Short Papers at EGOS Colloquia

Short papers should focus on the main ideas of the later full paper, i.e. they should explain the purpose of the paper, theoretical background, the research gap that is addressed, the approach taken, the methods of analysis (in empirical papers), main findings and contributions. In addition, it is useful to indicate clearly how the paper links with the sub-theme and the overall theme of the Colloquium, although not all papers need to focus on the overall theme. Creativity, innovativeness, theoretical grounding and critical thinking are typical characteristics of EGOS papers.

Your short paper should comprise **around 3,000 words** (inc. references, appendices, and other material).

**Submission deadline** for short papers for the (main) 42<sup>nd</sup> EGOS online Colloquium hosted by the University of Bergamo, July 9–11, 2026:

- Tuesday, January 7, 2026, **12:00 CET**

The deadline is unchangeable and therefore **extensions can not be granted!**

### Formatting your short paper

Your short paper should comprise **around 3,000 words**, according to the following format:

- Font: 12 pt, Arial or Times New Roman
- Margin left/right: 2.5 cm
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Use APA style for your citations

**Do not use capital letters** in your paper's title, unless they are proper nouns (e.g. "London", "Thomas"), quoted titles, or if it is the first word after a colon or hyphen. For example: *Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn": Summary, analyses, and quotations*. Do not write your title in ALL CAPS.

Please **state your name** (and that of your co-author/s, if applicable) + affiliation + email at the top of your short paper (because no [single/double blind] peer review).

Short papers should be submitted as a **pdf or docx file**. Please do not upload txt files!



## Steps prior to uploading your short paper

- To upload a short paper, you must be a **registered user** on the EGOS website.

If you have never been an EGOS member, never uploaded a short paper for one of the previous EGOS Colloquia, or never attended an EGOS Colloquium before, you need to **register on the EGOS website**. Click [here](#) and follow the instructions. Once you have an EGOS member number and password, please **log in to the member area** “MyEGOS” and follow the instructions for uploading your short paper listed below.

- If you are an active (or former) EGOS member, **log in to “MyEGOS”** using your email [or your EGOS member number] and your password.

## Uploading your short paper

You can **only upload one short paper** with your EGOS member number! If your short paper is co-authored and you have already submitted a (single-authored) short paper to another sub-theme, then your co-author (one of your co-authors, respectively) has to upload this co-authored short paper by using their EGOS member number. Please note: You may only appear as **co-author in a maximum of TWO further short papers!**

- In the MyEGOS section of the website, click on **Submit your short paper**.
- Fill in the form.

Do not use ALL CAPS for your paper title.

As the uploader, you are the main author. Add all co-authors (can also be added when submitting your full paper).

Upload your paper as pdf or docx.

- If you want to re-upload your short paper because you submitted it to the wrong sub-theme or have an updated version, you can do so until the deadline:

In MyEGOS, you will see Status: Edit your short paper

Click delete your short paper application.

Submit your short paper again.

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# Sub-theme 08: [SWG] Expertise: Professions and Beyond



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## Call for Papers

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For much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century professions were studied as the primary means through which expertise was structured and institutionalized. However, significant technological and societal changes in this century challenge established notions of what constitutes expertise, where it is located, and how it is adjudicated and evaluated. Further, scientific knowledge and the abstract expertise of professions may be losing standing in matters of public concern. Although organizations and institutions have evolved to depend on myriad experts, collective trust in the conventional abstract, rationalist approaches is in decline.

These changes have opened up realms of social problems to a plurality of incommensurable yet competing forms of expertise. The boundary between those historically considered experts and others is dissolving, as participation in inference and interventions is extended independent of the informational and analytical bases of inference and interventions. Increasingly, expertise is made manifest through interactions among a range of actors and elements, including humans, non-human species, machines and technologies, rules and



institutional arrangements, and organizational processes.

This sub-theme convenes empirical and theoretical work about this expanded ecology of expertise. We invite submissions that address fundamental questions about how expertise is organized, produced, performed, verified and recognized.

- Going beyond substantive, relational, and tacit expertise, what other forms of expertise are observed in professions, organizations, and institutions?
- Through what processes is expertise generated, applied, and recognized? How are these processes shaped by technology, organizations, and institutions?
- How are the ways expertise is claimed, recognized, and verified changing?
- What methodologies and research contexts will enable us to expand knowledge of expertise?
- How is our understanding of the division of expert labor changing to include previously discounted actors and interactions?
- What are the consequences of changing forms and instantiations of expertise for professions, organizations, and society?

We welcome realist and relativist examinations, and both empirical and theoretical examinations of expertise.

