



Society of Theatre Research

Terms and Conditions for the submission of conference papers

We welcome proposals for papers and panels at all STR events, including our online and in-person conferences. Different events may have different themes, formats, and criteria.

Information about individual events will be posted on our website at <https://www.str.org.uk/>.

Conferences are complex events and there are many reasons why proposals may or may not be accepted. Conference organisers consider a wide range of factors including the strength of the proposal itself and its relationship with the conference as a whole. It is also rarely possible to include all proposed papers and panels. Organisers may judge a proposal on a variety of criteria, not all of which will apply in every case. Criteria on which proposals are judged may include any or all the following:

- 1) The extent to which the proposal demonstrates academic rigour, originality, and significance;
- 2) The coherence and fluency of the proposal;
- 3) The availability of time and/or space to accommodate the proposed paper or panel;
- 4) The fit with the conference theme, where there is one;
- 5) The fit with other papers and panels (are there enough proposals on a similar enough topic to form a coherent panel or, conversely, is the topic too well represented);
- 6) Whether the proposal complies with the STR's policies as set out in Clause ... below",

The conference organisers' decision as to whether or not to accept a proposal is final. The STR does not provide feedback on its decisions, nor will it enter into any correspondence with proposers about the merits of their proposals.

The STR will:

- 1) Publish clear deadlines for submission of proposals;
- 2) Consider every proposal received within the published deadline, and consider those proposals in light of the relevant criteria drawn up by the conference organisers;
- 3) Endeavour to make decisions on whether to accept or reject a proposal in a timely manner.

Proposers are required to:

- 1) Become a member of STR should their proposal be accepted, and therefore pay the relevant membership subscription at either a full or reduced rate as appropriate, and comply with the STR's constitution, which is available on the Society's website at <https://www.str.org.uk/>;
- 2) Comply with all relevant rules and policies of the STR (including STR's statement on Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion), which are available on the Society's website at <https://www.str.org.uk/>;
- 3) Inform event organisers of any changes to their proposals, including withdrawal, in a timely manner.

Unless otherwise set out in law, the STR accepts no liability to proposers for any losses (including expenditure) incurred by them in the event that the STR cancels or postpones (in whole or in part) an event (including its online or in-person conferences).