Preface of ICT4S 2023 Doctoral Symposium

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Abstract

The ICT4S 2023 Doctoral Symposium is an opportunity for PhD students to discuss and receive feedback from a panel of experts in the community, as well as their peers.

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The ICT4S 2023 Doctoral Symposium is a great opportunity for any doctoral student who has already settled on a dissertation topic and whose doctoral research will benefit from external feedback from peers and experts in the community. Sustainability is a broad field, so we independently assessed then ranked the submissions, agreeing on a selection of 10 we felt were most clearly relevant to ICT4S. A key factor we considered was also that there was sufficient time remaining in the studies to actually benefit and action the feedback received at the doctoral symposium.

There are a wide range of interest areas within this year's submissions. The fields covered range from digital obsolescence to sustainable business, mirroring the wide range of topics covered by the ICT4S research field. From the 10 accepted submissions, 8 indicated they wished to publish their work in the conference proceedings.

During the symposium, each student is given an opportunity to present their research and receive constructive feedback from colleagues (the panel) and peers at all career stages from the interdisciplinary field of ICT for sustainability. The doctoral symposium is run in a highly interactive and collegial format based on the 'pro action cafe' methodology, designed to help harness and surface the 'wisdom of the crowd' ensuring plenty of opportunity to help address the most relevant problems, challenges and questions of the attendees to move their work forward.

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