

Table Talks at the International System Dynamics Conference

Purpose:

Table talks are a type of interactive session that provide a space for conference presentations in a way that is conducive to deeper dialogue and feedback. Table talks are designed to spur discussion that can continue during and after the conference with the express intent to build communities of researchers.

Setup:

Table talks are in person only. There will be no projectors or AV equipment available during table talk sessions. Table talks will not be recorded.

Table talks will be held in person with three presenters, a session chair, and audience members seated around a large table. Authors of Research Papers and Practitioner Applications whose work is accepted for an interactive session will have the option to present their work in a table talk session. Table talks are 60 minutes long and will be scheduled at a separate time from other types of presentations.

The Format:

Each table talk session will start by going around the table with a round of short (<30 second) introductions including name, affiliation, and interest in the session. The session chair will signal that each presenter will be given 7 minutes to talk about their work, directly followed by 8 minutes for questions and discussion, moderated by the session chair, and joined by anyone at the table. Presenters will verbally share their work with others at the table and are expected to provide an overview of the problem they were trying to solve, the way they designed methods to understand it, and the outcomes. Questions from the audience should encourage dialogue and deeper sharing than what is typical in a formal lecture-style presentation. The last 10 minutes of the session will be used for general discussion of all 3 talks.

Table talk presenters will upload materials to the conference website to share with participants ahead of time. These include an extended abstract (2 pages), and optional slides with model visuals to support their talk. Table talk presenters may bring along presentation aids (e.g. laptops, handouts) of their own choosing.

Selection Criteria:

Table talks are intended for conference submissions that provide an interesting departure for discussion. The table talk presentation format is an option for authors of Research Papers or Practitioner Applications that are accepted for presentation in an interactive session. Papers presented in table talk sessions may be included in the conference record.

After authors have been notified of their acceptance status for an interactive session, they will indicate whether they prefer to present in a traditional poster format or would prefer to give a table talk presentation. If an author indicates they would prefer to present their work as a table talk, the

submission will be assigned to a table talk session consisting of three talks per table. Table talk sessions will be organized by the program committee, typically within a thread.

Table Talk Presentation Checklist

- May 11:** Notification of acceptance in an interactive session.
- By May 21:** Indicate whether you will present in a table talk session.
- By May 30:** Register for the conference.

BY JUNE 20, submit your conference materials to share with participants:

- Extended abstract in PDF format (REQUIRED)
- Paper file in PDF format
- Optional slides for online conference website only
- Presentation YouTube video ID
- Updates to abstract, title, and author information
- File with supporting materials (including models and documentation)

BY SEPTEMBER 15:

- File for Conference Record. You are encouraged to submit an extended abstract (or slides, for practitioner applications) so that you are not prevented from publishing elsewhere.

Conference papers, abstracts, slides, and other materials may be viewed by conference registrants through the online conference website <https://isdcsystemdynamics.org> from June 23 through September 30. Then, it will be taken down, and the permanent Conference Record will be created.

INSTRUCTIONS for uploading files:

- 1) Log in to the Web Portal Submission System at <https://webportal.systemdynamics.org>
- 2) Click on the "Submission #XXXX" link to edit your existing submission.
- 3) On the "Menu for Submission #XXXX" page, use the link "**Upload new or updated paper files...**".
- 4) You should see a web page titled: "File Uploads for Submission #XXXX".
- 5) Use this page to upload the extended abstract, paper file, slides, supporting materials, and Conference Record file.

For edits to the title, abstract, author list, YouTube video ID, and link to additional information to be included in the permanent Conference Record:

- 1) Log in to the Web Portal Submission System at <https://webportal.systemdynamics.org>
- 2) Click on the "Submission #XXXX" button to edit your existing submission.
- 3) On the "Menu for Submission #XXXX" page, use the link "**Review or update paper information ...**".
- 4) You should see a web page titled: "Paper Information for Submission #XXXX".
- 5) Edit or fill in all appropriate fields.

Table Talk Presenters are encouraged to create a 5-minute YouTube video to explain their work. Add the YouTube video ID to the Paper Information page. Author presentation videos will be made

available to other attendees through the conference website.

Note: For more information, see <https://systemdynamics.org/submission-instructions>