

## **Engineering Project Organization Conference 2020**

Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

EPOC 2020 – “Disruptive Engineering”

June 22-25, 2020 – Vail, Colorado, USA

### **Extended Abstracts Due: 22 November 2019**

Sponsored by the Engineering Project Organization Society ([www.epossociety.org](http://www.epossociety.org))

EPOC 2020 is a unique event that provides a forum for researchers to present research findings and have in-depth exchanges on emerging research. Our perspective in this conference is broader than project delivery approaches, organization structures and work processes. It includes the multi-faceted organizational and governance challenges facing the managers of modern global engineering and construction project organizations. Today's leaders and managers must be entrepreneurial in lining up financing and public support for the project; accountable for economic, environmental and social outcomes of the project, transparent in their relationships and transactions; and open to meaningful stakeholder engagement with participants, supporters and opponents of the project. This broad approach to project organization research has always framed the EPOC conferences and continues to frame EPOC 2020.

To reflect the fruition of the many achievements of EPOS and the continued path forward, the overall theme for the conference this year is Disruptive Engineering. EPOC 2020 builds on the primary themes of the EPO society and the EPO journal as follows:

- Infrastructure development and governance – research efforts that emphasize the development and governance of civil and social infrastructure projects from initial conception to operations and maintenance;
- Project- and Program-Based enterprises – research on project or program-specific organizations at all levels of governance activities;
- Inter- and intra-firm coordination – research on the interdependencies in project organizations and approaches for analyzing and improving partnerships and coordination;
- International Project Organizations and Enterprises – research encompassing global project organizations and enterprises including governance, operations, and collaboration.
- Disaster resilience, humanitarian engineering projects, pre-during-post disaster management - research on the complexity of the engineering / project management project where the requirement is not a “business as usual”.
- Digital transformation in engineering/construction- where and how can we identify or build expertise and talent to fill the need to move forward.

EPOC 2020 will focus on these themes over 3 days. Each of the sessions within these themes will be limited to 3-4 speakers followed by 30 minutes of open discussion. The extended discussion periods will emphasize knowledge exchange among the participants. The conference format will once again have morning sessions with free afternoons to encourage free-time, social and intellectual exchange, followed by invited evening speakers and activities.

EPOC 2020 will incorporate two opportunities for researchers to participate in the conference as follows:

- 1) **Conference-Length Papers.** These are intended to be traditional conference papers that are still in the data gathering or exploration stage. Authors are expected to be faculty or doctoral students who are nearly ready to defend. Papers will be 3000 – 5000 words and authors are expected to make a presentation.
- 2) **Full-Length Papers.** These are intended to be papers that are nearly ready to submit to a journal. Papers will be no more than 7500 words and authors are expected to make a presentation.

#### **Different from previous years:**

- All participants will submit with their full/conference length papers. These papers will be made available on a drive for all registered participants to access. *We hope by continuing submission of these papers, the community will receive the feedback that is so valued by this conference.*
- During the submission of the final papers, the corresponding author will be asked to select whether they would like their (a) full/conference- length papers OR (b) extended abstract to be made available online in the conference proceedings. *Note- the system will allow the authors to update their extended abstract until the final deadline, after acceptance.*

Authors will retain the copyright but the papers can still be cited as a conference proceedings paper.

The best papers from the conference will be invited to be included in the Engineering Project Organization Journal.

Submission Tool: <https://www.conftool.com/epoc2020/>  
Conference Theme– “Disruptive Engineering”

The conference will start with an opening reception on the evening of June 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Location: Manor Vail Lodge, Vail, Colorado: <http://www.manorvail.com>**

Event Registration site will be active by mid-November, 2019. A Registration link will be emailed once it's live, or you will also find the link on the Conference website: [www.epossociety.org/](http://www.epossociety.org/)

#### **DEADLINES**

Submission Instructions are be on the conference Website: [www.epossociety.org/](http://www.epossociety.org/)

November 22<sup>nd</sup>: Extended abstracts due

Include the following sections in the extended abstract: Research Problem Statement or Purpose, Brief Research Methodology and Approach, Key Findings, and Implications up to 750 words total)

- January 15th: Extended abstract notification
- March 8th: Full or conference length paper due
- April 15th: Full or conference length notification
- May15th--Final full/conference length paper due.

All Questions regarding submissions can be sent to Kasey Faust ([faustk@utexas.edu](mailto:faustk@utexas.edu)) and Sittimont Kanjanabootra ([sittimont.kanjanabootra@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:sittimont.kanjanabootra@newcastle.edu.au)), who are serving as the Technical Co- Coordinators.

# Engineering Project Organization Society Doctoral Consortium - Call for Applications

The Engineering Project Organization Society is accepting applications from Ph.D. students for its seventh annual EPOS Doctoral Consortium to be held in conjunction with the 2019 Engineering Project Organization Conference.

The "Future Faculty 5K" Doctoral Consortium will be held on Sunday-Monday, June 21-22, 2020, along with several events to occur during the Engineering Project Organization Conference from June 22-25, 2020. More information is available on the conference website at [www.epossociety.org](http://www.epossociety.org).

The content of this Doctoral Consortium will focus on providing Ph.D. candidates who are interested in becoming faculty members with information on interviewing for academic jobs, succeeding in an academic career, writing your first grants, preparing for your first classes, and contributing to the growth of the EPOS community. The consortium will be led by a panel of faculty members with proven research, teaching and service records who will address key issues in academic life such as publishing in leading journals, teaching best practices, obtaining funding your research, contributing to the research community, subtleties of the tenure process, as well as networking and research collaboration.

The application deadline is December 20, 2019. To apply, please send the following information to John E. Taylor via email at [jet@gatech.edu](mailto:jet@gatech.edu).

a) A current CV, and

b) A one-page statement with:

- (1) Your name/institutional affiliation/address/email,
- (2) How many years you have left before you anticipate graduating with your PhD,
- (3) The name/phone#/email address of your thesis advisor and one additional reference, and,
- (4) A 250-word abstract of your dissertation.

Preference will be given to doctoral candidates at later stages of their PhD program. Decisions will be made by a committee of EPOS members by mid-January 2020. Late applications will not be considered. Participation is limited to a small number of Ph.D. students.

PhD Day Tentative AGENDA Coming Soon!  
John E. Taylor, Coordinator