



Call for Papers

The Institute for Societal Change (INSOCH) is organising its inaugural Conference and Sciathon. INSOCH, founded by former and current students from Leiden University, is an attempt to provide a platform for young people, such as students or recent graduates, for conducting research and taking an equal part in the production of knowledge. In content, INSOCH is focused on three pressing, interconnected themes: Climate and Sustainability Crises, Discrimination, and Inequality in the Global Economic System.

For its inaugural conference, INSOCH has chosen **Inequality** as the guiding theme. The Conference will consist of panels and workshops. Participation is open to both experienced and young academics (current students and recent graduates).

We invite submissions of abstracts of no more than **300 words** on one of the following topics:

1. **Climate inequality:** The impact of climate change and subsequent crises are felt differently by people around the world. At the same time, negative effects are aggravated by various inequalities. Abstracts may discuss inequality issues caused or deepened by climate change, as well as the unequal impact of climate change, e. g. on communities in the Global South.
2. **Health Crises in the Global South:** The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the fragile nature of public health in all parts of the globe. Abstracts may consist of problems that arose due to the Covid pandemic, or other issues that address public health in the Global South; both as individual cases or in comparative analyses, e. g. with the Global North.
3. **Political Inequality:** Abstracts may include themes such as crony capitalism, majoritarianism, ethnic politics, dominant party systems, and similar issues.
4. **Unrecognised Labour (People in the Shadows):** Informal and unorganised labour often remains unrecognised and unconsidered within a state's economy. This can include the 'Care Economy', illegalised or informal labour sectors. Abstracts researching the role of women, transgenders, migratory or other discriminated groups are of particular interest.
5. **Migratory Inequality:** In times of large migratory movements – both within states and internationally, due to armed conflicts or other crises – the unequal treatment of and opportunities for certain migrants have become especially apparent. Abstracts may discuss issues of racism, xenophobia, socio-economic or other forms of migratory discrimination.
6. **Translating Post-Western Research into Post-Western Education:** While there is a plethora of non-Western or post-Western research, it is often not translated well into (higher) education. Abstracts may discuss how to provide a comprehensive and rounded education to students in universities, while bringing critical, post-Western and decolonised research to the forefront as independent research strains.



How to apply and following steps

- Send an abstract fulfilling the requirements stated below to info@insoch.org
 - No more than 300 words
 - State five relevant keywords and indicate which of the six topics you address
- Alternatively, an abstract in other formats of a comparable extent such as a short and succinct video, can also be submitted
- Include a CV or any other form of description of your previous education and work
- Once selected, we will ask the panellists to submit a draft of their papers at least one month prior to the conference dates (see below).
- The final paper should be between 3500-8000 words.
- For questions, please refer to the contact details on our [website](#) or reach out via social media.
- The deadline for submission is **1st May 2022**

Conference Details

If the government regulations allow it at the time, the conference is scheduled for the **29th and 30th of August** and will be hosted at the **Leiden University Campus Den Haag**. Any changes will be communicated in timely manner both via social media and email.

Further information on the conference and the Sciathon will be available over the coming weeks and months on insoch.org and our social media channels.