

# CALL FOR PAPERS

**THE INFORMATION SEEKING IN CONTEXT CONFERENCE**  
**26-29 AUGUST 2024, AALBORG, DENMARK**

## **The Information Seeking in Context (ISIC) conference**

is the academic home of the Information Behaviour research community. The central theme revolves around people's situational, contextualized interactions with information and engagement in information activities, expressed in different forms such as 'information behaviour', 'information practice', 'information seeking', and 'information experience'. The conference is a platform for research exploring information seeking as a rich site of study, going beyond a sole focus on technological aspects and exploring a wide variety of contexts.

**ISIC 2024** is the fifteenth ISIC conference and will be located at Aalborg University, Aalborg, Denmark, 26 - 29 August 2024.

In 2024, we especially encourage authors to consider how new data driven technologies are used and experienced in work and everyday life as part of information activities such as information seeking, decision making, collaboration etc. However, all theoretical and empirical work that falls within the broad scope of the conference is welcome.

**ISIC 2024**  
**The Information Behaviour Conference**  
Aalborg, Denmark 26-29 August

## **Important Dates:**

- Paper submission: 15 January 2024
- Notification: Beginning of March 2024
- Revised submissions: 1 April 2024
- Final notification and acceptance: Beginning of May 2024
- Final submission – camera ready: 31 May 2024
- Registration: Starting in April 2024
- Conference dates: 26-29 August 2024

**Conference themes include, but are not limited to, the following:**

1. Theoretical conceptualisations of the cultural, social, cognitive, affective, and situational aspects of information needs, seeking, searching, use and sharing.
2. Research approaches and methodologies employing and developing qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods approaches.
3. Specific contexts: e.g., in different sectors and organisations (health care, education, cultural heritage, libraries, business, industry, public services and government, emergency services and others); in everyday life, and in social networks, including social media, gaming or virtual worlds.
4. Collaborative information practices: communities, boundary spanning and innovation practices.
5. Information use and value: meanings of information and how information is used to help solve problems, aid or support decision-making.
6. The role of information in building and enhancing the adaptive capacity of organisations: strategy and information absorption, transformation and integration.
7. Cross-disciplinary contributions: integrating studies on information seeking and interactive retrieval; integrating information science and management science.
8. Critical investigations of information activities in contemporary society.
9. Research and actions related to the distribution of false and misleading information threatening social, community and economic development.
10. Application of information behaviour research to practice based settings to enhance decision making and problem solving.

## Submission Categories:

Authors can submit their work in the following categories:

**Full Papers:** Original and unpublished research of relevance to ISIC may be submitted as a full paper. The maximum length of a full paper is 5500 words + references.

**Short papers:** Similar to full papers, short paper submissions must describe original and unpublished work. A short paper could present a more focused study of smaller scope than a full paper. For example, work in progress, preliminary research analysis, or late-breaking results are suitable for short papers. The maximum length of a short paper is 2000 words + references.

**Panels:** Organize discussions on specific topics or emerging trends. Panels should be designed for 90 minutes.

**Posters:** Extended abstracts for poster sessions are intended for the presentation of initial results, and presenting a poster is also a good way in which to discuss and receive feedback on a work in progress that has not been fully developed into a paper

**Workshops:** Workshops provide a venue for addressing novel ideas and emerging research. Generally, workshops should be highly interactive and seek active involvement of participants.

**Doctoral Consortium:** Offer doctoral students the opportunity to receive feedback on their research.

Submission Guidelines: Please refer to the conference website, [isic.aau.dk](http://isic.aau.dk), for submission guidelines, including formatting and requirements.

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**We look forward to your participation in ISIC 2024.**

**Marianne Lykke and Mette Skov, Conference Chairs ISIC 2024**

