



## **Guidelines for Writing a Strong Abstract for the IMISCOE Annual Conference**

Your abstract plays a crucial role in the evaluation of your proposal. It will be assessed by two anonymous reviewers based on its academic quality, originality, clarity, and relevance. To help you prepare a strong submission, please ensure your abstract follows a logical structure, including: background, research question, methodology (if applicable), main findings, arguments or expected outcomes, and conclusion.

If you are submitting your individual paper proposal to a specific Standing Committee (SC), please consider how your topic aligns with the SC's mission.

Reviewers will score your abstract on a scale of 1 to 5. Only the highest-rated proposals will be accepted, so clarity, relevance, and scholarly contribution are essential.

When evaluating individual abstracts, reviewers will pay particular attention to the following points. To maximize your chances of acceptance, please consider them carefully:

1. Theoretical and/or Empirical Contribution
  - Clearly state the main argument or research question.
  - Highlight the theoretical framework and/or empirical basis of your work.
  - If the contribution is empirical, clearly state the methodological approach.
2. Originality and Relevance
  - Emphasize what is new or innovative about your research in relation to ongoing research in migration studies.
  - Explain the significance of your topic and its relevance to the theme of the conference and current debates or challenges in migration studies.
3. Clarity and Structure
  - Write in a clear, concise, and accessible style.
  - Avoid jargon and overly technical language.

When preparing Panel and Workshop Proposals, in addition to the above-mentioned three points, please also consider the following:

- Describe the coherence and complementarity of the contributions.
- Indicate how the individual papers or speakers will engage in dialogue or build a collective discussion.
- Consider diversity not only in academic quality, but also in the composition of panel and workshop participants (gender, race/ethnicity, career stages, disciplinary focus, geography - Global North and South, Eastern and Western Europe). We would like to emphasize that IMISCOE is an interdisciplinary network committed to antiracism and inclusion, with a focus on increasing participation from underrepresented and racially minoritized groups, so please consider these elements also in your panel/workshop composition.