2024

IAFIE EC Annual Conference

NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF INTELLIGENCE EDUCATION: ADAPTING TO NEW REALITIES

CALL FOR PAPERS

In collaboration with:

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About the Conference

The European Chapter of the International Association for Intelligence Education is delighted to announce the forthcoming conference, "Navigating the Future of Intelligence Education: Adapting to New Realities", scheduled to be held in Malta from September 10th to 12th, 2024. This conference is dedicated to addressing the paramount challenges facing intelligence education in the modern era, with a particular focus on leveraging new technologies, engaging with the next generation, and fostering a culture of shared knowledge between academia, private sector, and governmental entities.

IAFIE European Chapter

International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE) is an international organization dedicated to advancing the intelligence profession and fostering collaboration between intelligence professionals and scholars. IAFIE focuses on intelligence education and training but also serves as a more general forum for the exchange of information and ideas on intelligence and related disciplines. The Association develops and promotes intelligence education and training-related standards, theories, curricula, methodologies, and best practices. It disseminates relevant open-source knowledge through its chapter network, international conferences, and other communication channels. As its European representative, the European Chapter of International Association for Intelligence Education (IAFIE EC) seeks to advance IAFIE's goals in Europe by building on diverse models and rich experiences in the European continent.

The 2024 Conference

In 2024, IAFIE EC is joining hands with the Faculty of Media and Knowledge Sciences - University of Malta to organise a joint conference examining intelligence requirements in the contemporary security landscape, with its changing threat environment and fast developing technological advancements. The conference will adopt a multidisciplinary perspective by bringing scholars and practitioners from different disciplines for a blend of research and applied discussions on intelligence. To this end, we invite scholars and practitioners in the fields of intelligence, defence, law enforcement, war studies, security, cyber security, risk analysis and management, history, law, cognitive and experimental psychology, statistics, information science, and other fields to submit:

- **Abstract for panel**: Panels are submitted in full with 3-5 papers for review by our Program Committee. They require a title (limited to 50 words), an abstract (limited to 200 words), a chair, a discussant, and 3-5 papers.

- **Abstract for roundtable**: Roundtables are submitted in full for review by our Program Committee. They do not have papers and are designed for discussion of a topic. They require a title (limited to 50 words), an abstract (limited to 200 words), and 4-5 participants.

- **Abstract for paper**: Accepted papers will be formed into panels by our Program Committee. They require a title (limited to 50 words), an abstract (limited to 200 words), and at least one author.

Abstracts are expected to address the overall conference theme and the topics suggested in this call, or related topics. Submissions representing individual or joint scholars work, research projects, or practical experience in government or industry are all welcomed.

Conference Objectives

1. **Embracing Technological Advancements in Education:**

   o Explore innovative educational technologies and their potential applications within intelligence training and classrooms
   o Showcase best practices in integrating cutting-edge tools to enhance learning outcomes

2. **Engaging the Next Generation of Intelligence Professionals:**

   o Identify effective strategies for teaching and mentoring the digital-native generations
   o Address challenges and opportunities in catering to diverse learning styles and preferences

3. **Defining Critical Skills for the Intelligence Profession:**

   o Facilitate discussions on the evolving skill sets required for success in intelligence roles
   o Assess the balance between traditional tradecraft and emerging proficiencies in intelligence education

4. **Promoting a Culture of Knowledge Sharing:**

   o Foster collaboration and information exchange between academia, private sector, and governmental agencies
   o Highlight successful case studies of cross-sectoral cooperation in intelligence education

5. **Harnessing the Impact of New Technologies in Intelligence:**

   o Delve into the transformative effects of technology on intelligence operations, analysis, and security
   o Investigate cross-disciplinary technological design in intelligence

6. **Baking human rights into intelligence work:**

   o Explore cultural factors in designing and implementing oversight mechanisms
   o Re-define necessity, proportionality and transparency in relation to intelligence practices in the context of technological developments and changing public expectations

7. **Evaluating Pedagogical Approaches for Effective Learning:**

   o Share insights on pedagogical methods that are most conducive to intelligence education
   o Examine case studies and research findings on optimizing learning outcomes in the field

8. **Adapting Curriculum to Future Intelligence Challenges:**

    o Anticipate emerging threats and geopolitical shifts, and their implications for intelligence education
    o Explore approaches to ensure that curriculum remains relevant and adaptable to evolving global realities
    o Rethink the 'need to know'/ 'need to share' practices in the context of strategic intelligence declassification for policy purposes

The "Navigating the Future of Intelligence Education" conference aspires to be a dynamic forum for thought leaders, educators, practitioners, and policymakers to collectively tackle the most pressing issues in intelligence education. Through insightful presentations, interactive workshops, and fruitful networking, we aim to forge a path forward that prepares intelligence professionals to excel in an ever-changing landscape.

We look forward to welcoming you in Malta from September 10th to 12th, 2024, for what promises to be an essential moment in shaping the future of intelligence education.

Administration

Submission

o Please email your abstract to dr. Aitana Radu (aitana.radu@um.edu.mt)
o Please email your general enquiries to aitana.radu@um.edu.mt
o Abstract submission is expected to include: Author(s), Name(s), Affiliation(s), Contact Details, Title (50 words), Abstract (200 words)
o In addition, please comply with the following specifications:

   • Panel Abstract: 200 words describing the panel, 3-5 papers included (complete with their own title, abstract and authors), panel chair and discussant
   • Roundtable Abstract: 200 words describing the roundtable, 4-5 participants included, roundtable chair and discussant
   • Paper Abstract: 200 words describing the paper

Due Dates

o Submission of panel proposals: 17 April 2024
o Submission of paper proposals: 17 April 2024
o Submission of roundtable proposals: 17 April 2024
o Notification of acceptance: By 24 April 2024
o Submission of papers and presentations: 27 June 2024

Registration

Registration details will be distributed in mid-March. Early bird registration will open on 1 May. For further information, please visit our website.