



NELSON MANDELA
UNIVERSITY

**2024 HETL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**THEME: Universities as change agents in society: Imagining
social innovation for sustainable futures**

DATE: 2 – 4 October 2024

**VENUE: The Boardwalk Hotel & Convention Centre,
Gqeberha, South Africa**

BACKGROUND

The International Higher Education Teaching and Learning Association Conference is an annual gathering of professionals and thought leaders from around the world to dialogue, network, and collaborate on issues relevant to teaching and learning in higher education. The vision of the conference is to generate new knowledge and to advance the scholarship and practice of teaching and learning in this sector of education.

The 2024 International Higher Education Teaching and Learning Association Conference will be hosted by Nelson Mandela University in Gqeberha, Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

The Eastern Cape Province in South Africa is the home to Nelson Mandela, one of the world's greatest statesman to have ever lived. Situated in a game reserve, and in the backdrop of the Indian Ocean, Nelson Mandela University is the only university named after this icon.

This is the first Conference's appearance in the African continent since its inception in 2010. Building on the successes of the previous Conferences, especially the 2023 Aberdeen Conference, the 2024 Conference explores the manifestations of the transformative role of universities in society. The theme for the Conference is ***Universities as change agents in society: Imagining social innovation for sustainable futures.***

The Conference has the following subthemes:

- Humanising Pedagogy
- Social Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Innovation for Sustainable Futures
- Creating Socially Engaged and Responsive Universities

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts may be submitted under the following presentation types:

- Papers 25 minutes
- Workshops 90 minutes
- Poster presentations 10 minutes

GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals for presentation of papers at the 2024 conference will be:

- in the form of a maximum 300-word abstract with
- a clear title of the presentation,
- author/s of the paper, contact details of submitting presenter.
- All abstracts should be written in MS Word format, Times New Roman font, and 12 points.
- Presenters should consider the Conference sub-theme under which they will submit their abstract, and the abstract itself should generally include detailed information, analyses, and main arguments of the full paper.

- Abstracts must be submitted online (please see below).
- Abstracts may only be submitted once.
- Presenters may only present a maximum of 2 papers.
- Abstract proposals will be considered on a continual basis.
- A detailed programme will be announced once it has been finalised.

Abstracts can be submitted by using our online platform:

1. Go to <https://inroll.behella.co.za/hetl2024/Register>
2. Register as a user on the website
3. After registration, submit and manage your abstract from the My Abstracts menu option or go to <https://inroll.behella.co.za/hetl2024/Abstracts>
4. Once an abstract is submitted for approval, you will receive a confirmation email acknowledging your abstract submission
5. After you submitted an abstract, it will be reviewed, and feedback will be sent to you via email
6. To register as a delegate to attend the conference and for accommodation information go to <https://inroll.behella.co.za/hetl2024/Conference/Information>

The deadline for the submission of abstracts for Papers, Workshops and Posters is **31 July 2024**.

Abstracts can only be submitted via the website as explained above.

IMPORTANT DATES

Early Bird Registration closure	31 May 2024
Registration Deadlines	15 September 2024
Abstract submission deadline	31 July 2024 (last day)
Due date for payment	23 September 2024
Daily running times of conference (start and finish)	<p>Day one:</p> <p>7:00/7:30 for registration and 9:00 for conference start.</p> <p>Other days: 8:30 for registration and 9:00 for conference programme and finish at five pm.</p> <p>Last day: Finish at 14:00</p>

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

The following conference registration fee structure is applicable:

Category	Conference registration fee
Early Bird	R8 000
HETL Membership	R8 000
Normal Registration – R9000	R9 000
Student Registration	R4 500

The registration fee **includes** registration, conference material, refreshments and lunch during the day(s) of attendance, organized functions, but **excludes** all travelling costs, accommodation, and any other refreshments not included on the programme.

No refunds but you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost.

An official invoice will subsequently be emailed to you to confirm your successful registration.

Please e-mail a copy of the deposit slip or proof of electronic transfer, to narina@behella.co.za.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

Please Take Note:

All costs (travel, accommodation, subsistence) related to your participation in the conference must be covered by the participant, regardless of the proposal acceptance. HETL 2024 is not liable and holds no responsibility for any of these costs.

Accommodation and Transport

Special rates were negotiated with The Boardwalk Hotel & Convention Centre. We have limited rooms (standard rooms) available at the rate of R2 151 per person per night for single accommodation and R2 426 for sharing accommodation (double occupancy). There are other accommodation options also available in the area.

Chief Dawid Stuurman International Airport, better known as Port Elizabeth Airport, is the closest Airport to the Boardwalk Hotel & Convention Centre. Should there be adequate interest the Administrators will arrange group transfers. Kindly contact narina@behella.co.za with your travel details to assist.

ENQUIRIES

General and Registration:

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DISCLAIMER

The organisers reserve the right to change or cancel the published venue, programme, dates and/or fee due to unforeseen circumstances.