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# Student Academic Conference

## Caring for Society in Times of Conflict

1 March 2025

### Description 2025 Edition

Finding ways to protect and promote social well-being, cohesion and resilience is currently crucial to preventing and managing conflict. All fields of knowledge have valuable contributions to make in thinking about how we can care for society in times of conflict.

Conflicts not only disrupt the social and economic order, but also affect mental health, human relationships and the very fabric of the community. On the other hand, crises can stimulate innovation in the care and protection of society. For example, new technologies can improve health management in emergencies, aid communication in times of crisis, and support social and economic reconstruction in the aftermath of conflict. At the same time, these same technologies can exacerbate inequalities, increase the vulnerability of certain groups and challenge social cohesion.

The word care comes from the Latin cura, curae, meaning 'to look after, to take care of, to worry about'. From the same root cura we get words like cure, procure, curious. Caring transcends all disciplines. To truly care for society, we need to rethink care in every possible area: in the home, in science, in politics, in law, in health, in urban planning, in the arts, in technology, and in each of us.

This year's edition therefore aims to explore the role of caring for society in times of conflict through rigorous scientific study and an interdisciplinary dialogue, which could be very stimulating and transformative.

## Subject areas

Undergraduate students from any discipline are invited to make a contribution to the congress through scientific work within one of the following subject areas.

Papers may be presented by students from all degree programmes, and it is not necessary for them to be studying the same degree. They are only required to share interest in the proposed topic and wish to work in one of the suggested areas.

### **1. Health and well-being**

- Well-being in times of conflict
- Public health practices in the emergency situations
- Promoting health during conflicts
- Telemedicine: new pathways to health care in conflict zones

### **2. Technology**

- AI is the imminent future of caring for people affected by conflict
- Big data and the future of care in situations of conflict
- Data analysis applied to the care of people in crisis situations
- Technology and new knowledge for social protection

### **3. Art and design**

- Keys of the design for society in times of conflict
- Sustainable design and energy crisis
- The future of constant innovation in times of crisis
- The future of museums during conflict

### **4. Humanities and communication**

- The media in times of conflict
- The arts and care in crisis situations
- New techniques: music as an essential element of care in times of war
- Literature and caring for the soul: hope for the future in difficult times
- The future of fake news in times of conflict

### **5. Social, legal and political sciences**

- Social relationships, family and care in times of conflict
- Should conflict technologies be legislated?
- How can Artificial Intelligence improve social policy design in crisis situations?
- The future of the community in times of conflict
- Does AI threaten or improve democracy and social cohesion in times of conflict?

## Participation

The only way to participate is to submit a scientific paper. Participation will be in groups of 2 to 4 undergraduate students from UIC Barcelona or other universities.

A scientific paper is a research paper; in other words, a paper in which the researcher, from a hypothesis and through a specific (qualitative or quantitative) methodology obtains a series of results.

The results obtained respond to the initial hypothesis and are explained through a discussion. Finally, the paper ends with the conclusions, limitations and proposals for future studies. In this way, intellectual work aims provide new knowledge and thereby contributing to the advancement of science and the transfer of new knowledge to society to improve it.

The papers submitted must be original. In other words, they cannot have been published or previously submitted to any competition or contest.

### **On the day of the congress, the paper can be presented in two different ways**

1. Scientific communication: oral presentation required before a panel, with or without graphic support.
2. Scientific poster: oral presentation required before a panel with a poster as graphic support. This form of presentation also implies the submission of the scientific paper with the same requirements as the scientific communication.

The length of the presentation of each paper shall not exceed 12 minutes.

## Registration process

All students must sign up individually using the academic congress [registration form](#) during the registration period (1 September to 2 December 2024). Once the registration has been received, access will be granted to the Acceleralia platform, which will be used for submitting papers in both phases of the congress.

## Submission

The submission of papers is in two phases:

### **1. Submission of the abstract:**

Each participating group ha must submit an abstract of their paper not exceeding 400 words through the online platform provided for the congress.

**Abstracts should include the following information:**

1. Authors
2. Studies, course and university
3. Email address
4. Title of the paper
5. Text (including research question, methodology and context)
6. Selected bibliography (between 3-5 references)
7. Subject area (see list of subject matters)
8. Keywords (between 3 and 5)

The format used should be in accordance with the APA 7th ed. standards. These are available on specialised websites (e.g. <https://normas-apa.org/>).

All abstracts will be reviewed by the members of the scientific committee, who will provide feedback to participants before 15 January. The works can be presented in Catalan, Spanish or English.

**2. Submission of the scientific paper**

Each participating group must submit their paper by 15 February 2025 via the Acceleralia online platform. If you have changed the title and/or abstract, you can overwrite the respective fields provided for these sections. You may also add additional sections if necessary.

The University reserves the right to collect and distribute the papers received. As such, for it be included in the institutional repository 'UIC Open Access Archive', you must attach the authorisation, which can be found in Appendix 1.

**Content, format and structure of the paper:**

The paper must contain the following sections and cannot exceed 8,000 words:

- Title of the paper
- Summary (abstract)
- Introduction: presentation of the hypothesis and objectives
- Methodology
- Result/analysis: main arguments, analysis of the data obtained, description of cases, analysis and discussion of other perspectives on the same topic etc.
- Conclusions: present conclusions based on the arguments or evidence provided in the paper
- Bibliographic references used and cited in the paper

The format and structure used should be in accordance with the APA 7th ed. standards. These are available on specialised websites (e.g. <https://normas-apa.org/>).

### **Use of citations and references:**

The papers presented must be original and under no circumstances will any type of plagiarism be accepted. Some forms of non-originality or plagiarism include the following:

- Presenting a paper of others as their own.
- Presenting a paper that has already been presented in another contest or subject.
- Including phrases, paragraphs or ideas of other authors without quoting them or referring to their work; do not use quotes in a literal quote; provide incorrect information about those references or quotations; paraphrase without mentioning the source.

Please note that citations and references must also comply with APA 7 ed. standards. These are available on specialised websites (e.g. <https://normas-apa.org/>).

### **Responsible use policy for ChatGPT, other chatbots and artificial intelligence tools:**

Artificial intelligence tools are useful for certain functions, but it is important to recognize their limitations and possibilities. It is recommended not to blindly rely on the information they provide without checking it.

If these tools are used, it must be recorded in the work, so as not to lack academic honesty, whether it is to obtain an image, a graph or search for information.

Therefore, if AI has been used, at the end of the work (after references) you should specify:

- which sections of the paper has been used in and for what purpose.
- what prompts have been used, what answers have been obtained and whether the information received has been checked against other sources. Remember that a minimal-effort prompt provides low quality results.

**All papers will be analysed with Turnitin, the university's plagiarism prevention tool.**

**Registration deadline:** 2 December 2024

**Deadline for submitting abstracts:** 16 December 2024

**Deadline for submitting scientific papers:** 22 February 2025, at 11.59 p.m.

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## Annex 1

Vice-Rectorate for Research, Innovation and Knowledge Transfer  
Library and Documentation Service

### Authorisation to deposit work by students, teaching and administrative staff from the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya to the “UIC Open Access Archive” Institutional Repository (sole author).

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Author's name and surname(s)

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I hereby authorise the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (UIC Barcelona) to deposit my work in the Institutional Repository, the Consorci de Serveis Universitaris de Catalunya (Catalan Consortium of University Services; CSUC), the RECERCAT depository or any other depository created by UIC Barcelona or the CSUC for the purpose of preserving and disseminating university research.

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