

Invitation letter

PhD Forum at ICED17:

Research within the Design Society community offers many possibilities of exchange and collaboration between fellow researchers. While these opportunities cover a broad scope from young researchers to senior members of the community with a range of research interests, we aim to support the specific needs of PhD students. Therefore, the ICED conference 2017 offers a

PhD Forum **on Monday, 21st August** **Afternoon session**

Aims:

- To foster the exchange of ideas and research approaches between younger researchers
- To provide opportunities for discussing personal research topics, methodologies and potential problems with experts
- To enhance networking and collaboration

Format

The forum will be an opportunity for PhD students to discuss their research questions and ideas with their peers and experienced researchers in order to support their research. Small discussion groups will be organised in which individual research topics are presented to and discussed within the group. Discussion groups will consist of 5-6 PhD students and 1-2 experts.

Participating students will be asked to give an elevator pitch introducing their research in a speed-dating round prior to the main discussion (1 min):

- Research topic
 - Research objectives / question(s) and relevance considering published research and industrial needs
 - Research methodology applied
- Personal questions/problems or issues you want feedback on e.g.
 - Research methodology
 - Research methods
 - Potential ideas for enhancing the approach

Participants

The PhD Forum is aimed at PhD students. To facilitate meaningful discussion, it is essential that potential participants should already have defined their PhD research topic, undertaken an initial literature study and formulated aims and objectives.

Application

To apply, please send an email before 13 June to kilian.gericke@uni.lu with Subject **PhD Forum**.

Attached to your e-mail please send a short description (max. 1 page) of your project using the provided template (download from ICED17.org web-page).

The number of participants is limited to 25 so please e-mail as soon as possible if you are interested, as participants will be selected on a first-come first-served basis. Additionally the number of participants from a single department may be limited.

Participants will be informed about acceptance and necessary preparations in June.