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# 2nd York St John London Campus

# Research Conference Programme

2026



Theme: *Addressing Global Challenges Through Interdisciplinary Innovation*

Monday 12 October 2026

**Day 1**

| Item | Details | Time | Venue |
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| Conference details | Obasanjo Bolarinwa<br>*Senior Lecturer and School Knowledge Transfer & Research Co-lead*<br>**Introduction and what to expect today** | 10:00-10:05 | LX301/302 |
| Welcome speech | Louise Donaghy<br>*Associate Professor and Dean of the London Campus*<br>**Addressing Global Challenges Through Interdisciplinary Innovation** | 10:05-10:25 | |
| Open plenary session | Tamsin Bowers-Brown<br>Professor and Associate Pro Vice Chancellor, Academic Experience & Outcomes<br>**Interdisciplinarity as Method** | 10:25 –11:10 | |
| | Tea and snacks break | 11:10 –11:30 | |
| Plenary presentation | Amir Keshtiban<br>*Associate Professor and Associate Dean: Business and Health Studies*<br>**Whose Capital Counts? Community Cultural Wealth, Social Movement Outcomes, and the Challenge of Advancing Global EDI** | 11:30-12:00 | LX301/302 |
| Parallel Panel Discussions | **Session 1:** Artificial Intelligence, Ethics and the Future of Society: Balancing Innovation, Governance and Human Wellbeing<br>***(Swathi Ganesan – Chair)***. Panel Members: Iftikhar Afridi (Ulster University); Nalinda Somasiri (York St John University)<br>**Session 2**: From Access to Agency: Digital Inclusion, Inequality and Meaningful Participation<br>***(Ritika Tiwari – Chair)*** Panel Members: Louise Donaghy (York St John University), Jordan Royster and Jess Finnin (London Borough of Havering) | 12:00 – 13:00 | LX301/302<br>**(To be partitioned)** |
| | Lunch, networking and poster session | 13:00 –14:00 | |
| Breakout sessions | **Sustainable Business Practices and Environmental, Social & Governance**<br>Chair: Adebowale Adeshipo; Co-Chair: Benish Khan | 14:00 –15:30 | LX326 |
| | **Digital Transformation and Strategic Management**<br>Chair: Boineelo Nthubu; Co-Chair: Linda Familusi | | LX325 |
| | **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Applications**<br>Chair: Efosa Osagie;<br>Co-Chair: Rebecca Balasundaram | | LX314 |
| | **Data Analytics, Cybersecurity and Data Governance**<br>Chair: Lakmali Karunarathne;<br>Co-Chair: Akinyemi Taiwo | | LX311 |
| | **Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health**<br>Chair: Brighton Nyagadza | | LX310 |
| | **Mental Health, Trauma, Disability and Psychosocial Well-being**<br>Chair: Alfred Ankrah | | LX624 |
| | **Inclusive Education, Accessibility, and Student Support Innovations**<br>Chair: Sangita Pokhrel; Co-Chair: Prashant Bikram Shah | | LX104 |
| | **Employability, Career Development, and Graduate Outcomes**<br>Chair: Ghulam Mujtaba | | LX621 |
| Day one closing ceremony | Obasanjo Bolarinwa<br>*Senior Lecturer and School Knowledge Transfer & Research Co-lead*<br>**Vote of thanks, pictures and presentation of awards** | 15:30 –16:00 | LX301/302 |

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**Day 2**

| Item | Details | Time | Venue |
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| Conference details | Muhammad Shabbir<br>*Senior Lecturer and School Knowledge Transfer & Research Co-lead*<br>**Introduction and what to expect today** | 10:00-10:05 | LX301/302 |
| Welcome speech | Louise Donaghy<br>*Associate Professor and Dean of the London Campus*<br>**Addressing Global Challenges Through Interdisciplinary Innovation** | 10:05-10:20 | |
| Open plenary session | Andrea Caputo<br>*Professor of Global Leader in Business Management*<br>**The Dark Side of Entrepreneurship: An Academic Journey from Cognitive Paradoxes to Meaningless Negotiation** | 10:20 –10:45 | |
| | Fabian Froese<br>*Professor of Global Leader in Business Management*<br>**The Future of Global Work: Global Mobility, Virtual Collaboration, and Emerging Technologies** | 10:45 – 11:10 | |
| | Comfort Break | 11:10 –11:15 | |
| Plenary presentation | Nalinda Somasiri<br>*Associate Professor, Associate Dean for Data Science and Computer Science*<br>**From Disruption to Advantage: Generative AI for the New Age of Management and Enterprise Development** | 11:15-11:40 | LX301/302 |
| Parallel Panel Discussions | **Session 1:** Building Future Research Leaders: Supporting PhD Researchers, MRes Students and Early Career Researchers to Drive Innovation and Global Impact ***(Ghulam Mujtaba - Chair***) - Fabian Froese; Emma Walker; Jenny Hall (York St John University) | 11:40 – 12:40 | LX301 |
| | **Session 2:** Climate Change, Management and Business: Interdisciplinary Solutions for a Changing World ***(Henry Aluko – Chair)***. Panel Members: Sajeel Ahmed (University of Bedfordshire); Opeyemi Titus (Nottingham Trent University), and Suzzie Aidoo (York St John University) | | LX302<br>**(To be partitioned)** |
| Plenary presentation | Robert Mortimer<br>*Professor and Pro Vice Chancellor: Research & International*<br>**How should I go about research? Hints and tips to maximise success** | 12:45-13:10 | LX301/302 |
| | Lunch, networking and Poster session | 13:10 –14:00 | |
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