

Call for innovative session and strand proposals for BSPS Conference 2017

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Members and non-members are invited to suggest ideas for special Conference sessions or strands (the research topics we use to organize the call for papers) for the 2017 Annual Conference. Special sessions might focus on a particular methodological or substantive topic or a specific data set. Although our standard session format comprises a 90-minute session with 3 – 4 research presentations, special sessions need not follow this model. Innovative formats such as panels, forums, training sessions, sessions with discussant, discussions, workshops, or sessions aimed at a particular constituency (such as postgraduate students or local authority participants) would be very welcome.

Please be as specific as possible when filling in the proposal form and include any evidence you have that a particular session would attract enough submissions to be viable. Please also indicate whether you would be willing to chair a proposed session or lead proposed training session at the Conference.

All suggestions will be considered by BSPS Council at their mid-January meeting, after which we will get in touch to let you know the outcome. If your proposed session is accepted for the Conference, it will be allocated to one of our strand organizers. The call for papers will be issued in January 2017 & all submissions will be via the online submissions site. After the close of the call for papers, strand organisers take overall responsibility for selecting suitable papers, within sessions, for oral or poster presentation. They would liaise with session organisers as appropriate.

The proposal form is attached – please return to <u>pic@lse.ac.uk</u> as an email attachment.