

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The IPSERA 2020 conference theme is “Procurement Innovation”. Procurement requires the application of science and technology, analytical skills and quantitative methods; on the other hand, it requires a need for creativity and understanding of soft behavioral skills. The digital transformation is opening new opportunities for the management of Purchasing and Supply Chains, making “big data” available and offering analytical tools to manage them. It is also aiding in networking and the sharing of innovative ideas. This enables both disruption of existing practices and outdated technologies, as well as new ways to tackle sustainability challenges, e.g. through better transparency and control of supply chain risk.

Submissions of working papers, competitive papers, professional development workshops, and panel sessions will be accepted for conference presentation.

Applications are also being accepted for the doctoral consortium and the educator’s conference.

**PROGRAM CHAIR**

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**NOTICES**

Awards are given at the conference for innovative and interesting competitive papers

The IPSERA Doctoral Dissertation Award will be awarded at the conference

Ph.D. bursaries are available to attend the doctoral symposium and full conference

Manuscripts will be selected for potential publication in a special IPSERA conference Issue in the Journal of Purchasing and Supply Management.

**KEY DATES**

Submissions Begin: September 1, 2019

Submission Deadline: November 15, 2019

Notification of Acceptance: January 2, 2020

Final Paper Submission: February 15, 2020

**International Purchasing and Supply Education and Research Association (IPSERA)**

Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting

April 5th-April 8th, 2020

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Conference Website <https://haslam.utk.edu/ipsera>2020

**TOPICAL AREAS and TRACKS**

The conference will provide a forum for academics and practitioners to present research papers and discuss the future developments of the field. This conference theme offers the opportunity for a broad range of purchasing and supply chain topics which can be divided in the following streams:

* Purchasing and Supply strategy
* Triads and Networks
* Global Sourcing and Outsourcing Issues
* Sustainable Procurement and CSR
* Supply Chain Risk and Resilience
* Backshoring/Reshoring/Nearshoring
* Purchasing Organization, Skills, and Competencies
* Negotiation and Contracting
* Purchasing Services
* Sourcing and Supplier Selection
* Supplier Relationship Management and Development
* Supplier Evaluation and Performance Measurement
* Supply Chain Transparency, Visibility and Traceability
* Humanitarian Procurement and Supply Chain Management
* Health Care Procurement
* Public Procurement
* Fashion and Luxury Supply Chain Management
* Supply Chain Finance
* Purchasing and Product Innovation
* Creativity and Design Thinking in Purchasing and Supply Management
* Purchasing and Supply: Big Data & Analytics
* Procurement digital transformation
* IoT and Industry 4.0
* Purchasing and Supply Theory and Methodology Development
* Purchasing and Supply Education

*REGISTRATION, SUBMISSIONS, AND ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 1, 2019*