

# Conference Event Descriptions

## Panel Sessions

Panel sessions are made up of 3 to 5 papers. Authors on these panels will have 10 to 15 minutes to present their paper live during the session. Any slides, videos, or visual aids will need to be finalized and uploaded by **27 June** (instructions on where and how to upload your materials will be provided prior to the deadline). Your materials will automatically appear when it is your time to speak according to the order of papers in the program. You can advance through your presentation materials using the arrow keys on your laptop or computer. Audience members are not visible to presenters or each other, but are able to use a chat function to pose questions to the panel.

## Roundtable Sessions

Roundtables provide a space for up to 5 presenters to discuss a theme or topic. These sessions are more interactive than panels, and both presenters and audience members are visible and able to speak (if they choose to have their camera and microphone enabled). The Chairs of roundtables will facilitate discussion and call on speakers and audience to participate.

## Blitz Sessions

Blitz (lightning-fast) sessions are meeting spaces for 6-8 presenters to discuss pre-recorded videos. Each Blitz participant will be expected to watch all other videos from their session ahead of time, and a designated moderator will facilitate discussion among panelists and audience members during the scheduled session. The pre-recorded videos should be no longer than 5 minutes and include no more than 4 slides. The pre-recorded presentation is due by **21 June** (instructions on where and how to upload your recorded presentation will be provided prior to the deadline). Both presenters and audience members are visible and able to speak (if they choose to have their camera and microphone enabled).

## Social Sessions

This year we are incorporating social sessions into the conference program. These sessions are meant to encourage networking and conversations between participants. There are two conference-wide social sessions entitled, "Conference-Wide Speed Greeting" (30 minutes each), open to all attendees and where participants will have an opportunity to chat in small groups with other attendees. We will also have meet-and-greet social sessions targeted at certain attendees (i.e., first-time attendees; scholars from Africa; parent scholars, etc.). These are longer sessions (80 minutes) and attendees are welcome to drop in. A host is assigned to each of these events and can facilitate discussion and/or randomly assign participants to breakout rooms for smaller groups.