Call for Applications!

**STRN/NEST Early Career Researcher Paper Development Workshop
at IST'25 in Lisbon**

Given last year's success of the Paper Development Workshop at IST in Oslo, we again invite early career researchers (ECRs) to apply for the ECR Paper Development Workshop at IST´25. This workshop offers an opportunity for ECRs to receive detailed feedback on their research, learn about publishing strategies, and engage in meaningful discussions with peers and senior scholars from the STRN community – all within a supportive and collaborative environment. In addition to in-depth feedback on the submitted material from peers within the same thematic area, the workshop aims to stimulate discussions and reflections on current research perspectives, existing research gaps, emerging contradictions, and their potential future implications for realizing transitions.

The event will be held on **June 27, 2025 from 9:00-14:00 in Lisbon, Portugal**, as part of the IST`25 conference at DINÂMIA'CET-Iscte.

The workshop is free of charge and includes coffee and lunch.

The workshop is limited to 35 participants only and open to early-career researchers within the first six years of academia who are **presenting authors at IST**. Please note that preference will be given to applicants with less publication experience if submissions exceed available spots.

To apply, please submit:

(1) **An extended abstract of the paper or thesis chapter (max. 700 words, including references).** The abstract should describe the key research questions, theory, methods, findings, and potential implications.

(2) **A personal statement (max 300 words).** This statement should include the applicant's name, year of PhD/Post-doc or current position and institution, a summary of their research topic and activities, and their motivation for participating.

Applications must be submitted through this online abstract submission system by **April 11, 2025, 23:59 CET**.

The event organizers will review all submissions, and **notifications of acceptance will be communicated by April 30, 2025.**

Important notes:

- Participation is only possible in person and requires applicants to be a presenting author (full, speed, or poster) at the main IST conference.
- Submissions for the PDW can be the same submission as for the main conference or a different paper, but the participant must have been the presenting author at the conference.
- There is a small amount of financial support to cover one extra night in a hotel for a limited number of participants. You may apply for this when submitting your application.

Key dates:

- **Abstract submission deadline:** April 11, 2025, 23:59 CET
- **Notification of acceptance:** April 30, 2025
- **Conference registration opens:** April 1, 2025
- **Conference registration closes** May 16, 2025
- **Final paper submission deadline:** June 1, 2025, 23:59 CET. To secure a spot in the workshop, participants must register for the IST 2025 conference and submit their draft paper by the deadline.

Information on the final submissions (for accepted participants only):

If your abstract is accepted, you must upload a draft version of your paper (max. 8000 words, excluding references) by **June 1, 2025**. The draft submission should follow a generic paper structure, including:

- **Abstract** (max 150 words)
- **4-6 keywords**
- **Introduction**
- **Related work & theory**
- **Methodology** (even if preliminary, it should elaborate on the research design, data collection, and analytical framework)
- **(Preliminary) results** (including reflections on scientific and societal relevance)
- **2-3 specific questions** for feedback from colloquium participants

We look forward to your submissions and to welcoming you to an engaging and constructive workshop in Lisbon!

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