

The Insolvency Service’s policy and technical conference returns for a third year and we are inviting interested parties to submit abstracts of papers.

Following the success of last year’s conference held at Nottingham Trent University, the Insolvency Service will hold the next Forward Thinking conference on Friday, 10 November 2023 to be hosted by University of Liverpool.

**Call for papers**

We are now inviting scholars, researchers, postgraduate students, Insolvency Practitioners, the legal profession and anyone else with an interest in insolvency law and related technical matters to submit their abstracts for a paper to be presented at the conference.

The Insolvency Service welcomes submissions in all areas of personal or corporate insolvency, whether UK or international in focus. In advance of the call for papers, we share a number of subject matters that cover both policy and technical matters, on which papers would be particularly welcome. They are:

* Personal Insolvency
* Rule in Gibbs
* National interest cases
* Trust assets
* Escheat
* Insolvency of public authorities
* Compensation schemes
* Crypto
* Sanctions

For more information on each of these topics, please go to the conference website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-insolvency-service-forward-thinking-conference>.

At this stage, we would like you to submit an abstract of the paper, with a maximum of 500 words only. The deadline for submission of abstracts is Friday, 21 July.

For the selected papers, the final draft will need to be submitted by Friday, 29 September ready to be presented at the conference venue in person.

Research submissions will be considered by a panel of insolvency law academics and representatives from the Insolvency Service. Technical submissions will be considered by a panel of Insolvency Service representatives.

**Conference format**

We expect the conference to feature about 8 papers. Speakers will have approximately 20 minutes to present their paper, with additional time for questions from those at the event and online delegates.

By submitting an abstract, you agree to attend the conference in person, and that if your paper is selected for presentation, that it will be published online, hosted by the Insolvency Service.

**Submission of Abstracts**

If you wish to submit an abstract, it must be a maximum 500 words. Please send it to conference@insolvency.gov.uk.

Your covering email should include:

* whether you are submitting a research paper or a technical issue
* your name
* firm/affiliation/role (where applicable)
* email
* telephone number

These details will be removed when the abstract is forwarded to the panel for consideration. Please ensure the abstract does not contain information or acknowledgments that could reveal your identity, firm or affiliation.

**Further Information**

If you have any queries, please contact conference@insolvency.gov.uk.

