Roundtable Submission Guidelines

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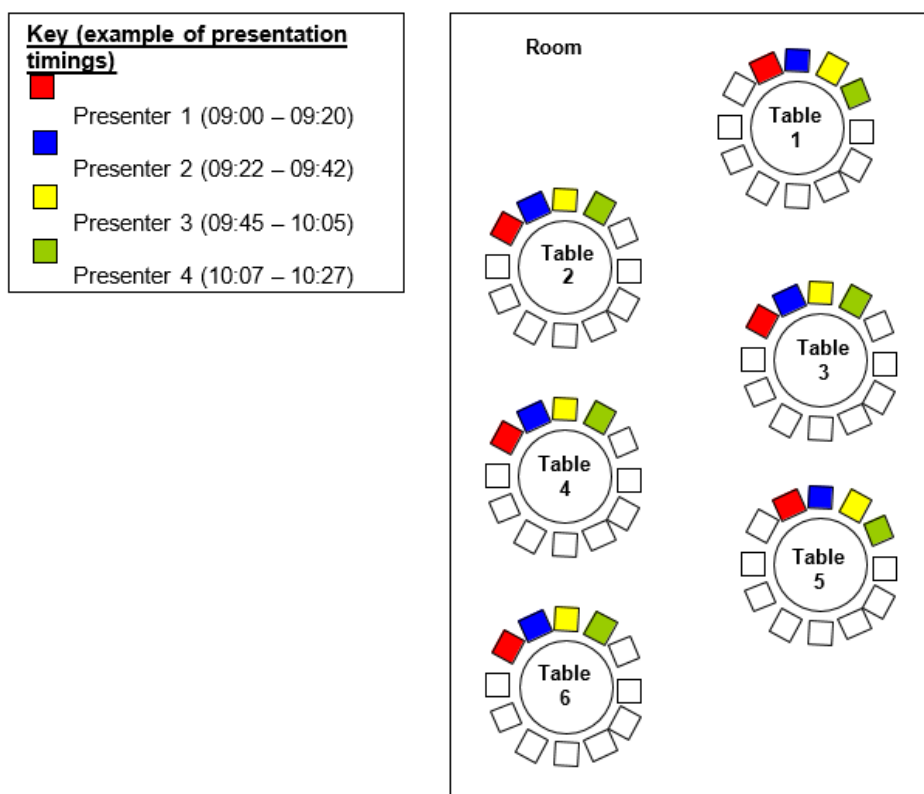The University of Edinburgh
Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 April 2026

Roundtables (250 word count limit)

For experienced presenters and newcomers alike, roundtables offer a more informal setting to promote discussion and encourage feedback.

As is usual practice at some larger conferences, roundtable sessions are where a number of presentations are given simultaneously at separate tables within a single room. Each table will have a session chair and the papers allocated to it will be grouped by topic areas. Each of the four papers within the roundtable will be allocated a 20 minute slot (15 minutes presentation followed by 5 minutes questions).

PowerPoint is not available for use during the roundtable sessions.

Key (example of presentation timings)

Presenter 1 (09:00 – 09:20)

Presenter 2 (09:22 – 09:42)

Presenter 3 (09:45 – 10:05)

Presenter 4 (10:07 – 10:27)

Feedback from previous roundtable sessions:
- "Really enjoyed this - more interactive, and helped with networking/putting names to faces. Also less nerve- wracking for some colleagues."
- "Attending (and presenting) at the theory roundtable, I was extremely excited about the discussion, which allowed for more direct conversation as in usual presentations. This enhanced the intellectual quality of the discussion very much. The presentations fitted well together. That we had a similar background enabled that we all could exchange our ideas."
- "Good way to formulate discussion rather than traditional Q&A."
- "The roundtable session I attended worked very well. It was more intimate and enjoyable than the presentation in the lecture theatre format. One person had

made a poster of her work and included all participants by preparing cards and asking each person to read one quotation from her research as she presented her findings. This included people more and made it more interesting and involving for people."

- "I presented at one of these sessions and I felt it was a very good format with much more opportunity to get high quality feedback from others present."
- "I chose to go to a quiet table and had an interesting discussion. The venue for these was good" "It allowed speakers to 'chat' about rather than 'present' their work."

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