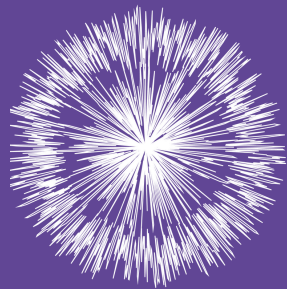


**INTERNATIONAL
SUSTAINABLE ECOLOGICAL
ENGINEERING DESIGN
FOR SOCIETY (SEEDS)**



SEEDS 2025

3RD, 4TH, 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



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International SEEDS Conference 2025

Sustainable Ecological Engineering Design
for Society

11th Annual Conference

THEME: Pursuing sustainability from an auxiliary commitment to a core priority, beyond common-sense, in a changing political and socio-economic landscape

Loughborough University, Loughborough, UK

03, 04 & 05 September 2025*

*03 - online, 04 & 05 - in-person

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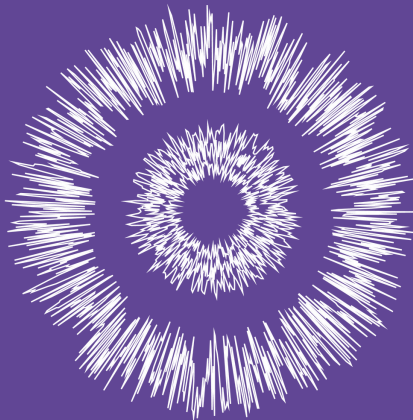
Across previous years, our understanding of the influence of the socio-economic characteristics on sustainable practices has seen a significant advancement. However, the political characteristics contribute little to our understanding of sustainable behaviour amidst change in national policies, housing, contribution to the natural environment, use of innovations, value for money, and overall impact of power within relative markets. For some, the impact of any change on the political landscape would ultimately mean an impact on the adoption of sustainable solutions, while for others, such a change does not necessarily entail a primary course of action.

Amidst a change of political agendas, we now yet again find ourselves overlooking various scenarios that challenge the core tenets of Sustainable Ecological Engineering Design for Society (SEEDS). Without delving into the plausible adverse effects of political decisions, and often also the indecisions, we stand to offer a little more than applied commonsense, as commonsense to promote these tenets may now need to be crafted in a slightly distinctive way.

This year we ask:

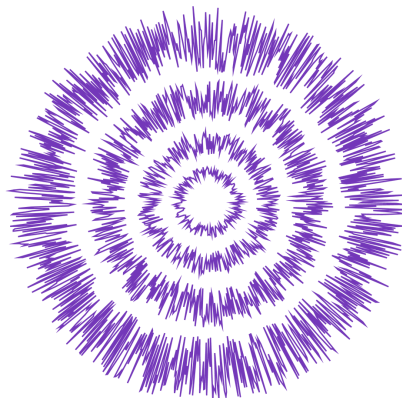
How do we redefine the ways we convey sustainability and ecological engineering, from a rather often seen auxiliary solutions to fit within the core values of any upcoming change?

This question will be critically investigated in this conference by trying to reach sensible answers to some of the complex questions, for, as Thomas Sowell's famous quote in *A Conflict of Visions*, "There are no solutions. There are only trade-offs". It is indeed healthy to have scepticism toward one-size-fits-all solutions, and to embrace the complexity of decision-making.



To advance these arguments, the conference themes will encompass:

- **Socio-economic Influence on Sustainability:** The impact of socio-economic characteristics on sustainable practices and behaviours.
- **Global and Local Political Agendas:** The shifts in political agendas and their role in challenging existing policies, housing, ecological engineering, and market powers on sustainability adoption.
- **Political Decisions and Indecisions:** Adverse effects of political actions and inactions on ecological engineering and sustainability.
- **Contextual Sustainability Narratives:** Narratives that align longstanding sustainability goals with existing political priorities.
- **Interdisciplinary Exploration of Sustainability:** Sustainability and ecological engineering through diverse perspectives and tailored approaches.



KEY DATES

09 December 2024

1st Call for abstract submissions

16 December 2024

2nd Call for abstract submissions

13 January 2025



Abstract submission deadline

14 February 2025

Notification on abstract

25 April 2025



Full paper submission deadline

26 May 2025

Notification on full paper

16 June 2025



Final paper submission deadline

AUDIENCE

The SEEDS community is a confluence of experienced and early career researchers from across the world and from diverse disciplines.

This melting pot encourages exciting conversations and opportunities to collaborate. Members of the SEEDS community, who have met during previous years of the conference, are now working on projects and submitting research papers together.

Submissions are encouraged from researchers at all levels, including doctoral students.

So, if you're passionate about your research and eager to connect with a diverse community of like-minded individuals, the International SEEDS conference is for you.



CHAIRS

Conference Chairs 2025



Dr Ali Saad



Professor Chris Gorse

Co-Chairs



Professor Saheed Ajayi



Professor Colin Booth



Professor Darryl Newport



Dr Alison Pooley

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

This year's International SEEDS Conference is being held at Loughborough University on our superb campus in the heart of England. The main conference will be hosted in the Sir Frank Gibb building on our Loughborough Campus, with the gala dinner and awards ceremony at a venue, yet to be decided, but within walking distance of the day time venue.

Loughborough is a market town in the heart of the East Midlands, about halfway between Leicester and Nottingham and only a short train ride away from London. With great transport links, Loughborough is an easy place to get to. If you need more information about the location, please see the [Loughborough University map](#).

If arriving internationally, East Midlands Airport is only 7 miles away and offers both domestic and international flights.

There are a variety of accommodation options within the vicinity including the following:

- Burleigh Court Conference Centre and Hotel (located on the University campus)
- The Link Hotel (0.4 miles)
- Travelodge Loughborough Central (0.6 miles)
- Premier Inn, Loughborough (0.7 miles)

FORMAT AND PRICING

The conference will follow a hybrid delivery model. The first day of the conference (3rd September) will be online only and the following two days (4th and 5th September) will be held in-person at Loughborough University Campus.

There will be a gala dinner and awards ceremony hosted nearby on the evening of the 4th September which you are welcome to attend as part of the full conference pricing option.

| | Full Conference (3, 4, 5 Sept, Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony) | In-person day only (4 or 5 Sept) | Online Only (3 Sept) |
|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Standard Early Bird (on or before 1st July 2025) | £350 | £200 | £150 |
| Student Early Bird (on or before 1st July 2025) | £200 | £125 | £100 |
| Standard | £450 | £250 | £200 |
| Student | £300 | £175 | £150 |

RISE AWARDS

The RISE Awards are returning this year for a unique celebration of all those who are helping to change the way we build and live in the future.

These highly regarded awards seek to recognise, celebrate, and showcase exemplar case studies from the Built Environment sharing emerging best practice in Research, Innovation, Sustainability and Enterprise for new and innovative products, technologies, processes, projects, and schemes. Our awards invite academic, industry, third sector and community groups to submit an A2 poster detailing their sustainable projects to LSIConference@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

The RISE awards will be presented at the conference dinner on **Thursday 04th September 2025**.

Please keep an eye out for more details of the awards, which will be released shortly.



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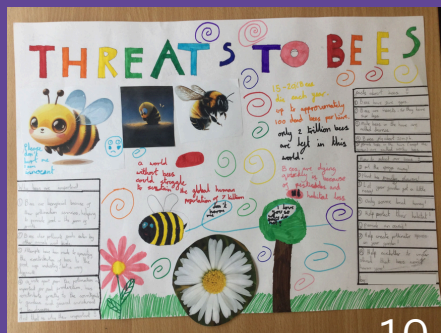
RISE FOR SCHOOL AWARDS

This year, we will also be continuing to run the **RISE for Schools** competition where we ask children to submit poster entries and their work is displayed at the SEEDS conference for our researchers to see.

RISE for Schools is a chance for pupils to think about climate change and how we can make the world a more sustainable place. Pupils of any age can enter and they are awarded for their efforts.

Last year, over 250 pupils nationally entered the competition and consequently, shared their ideas on how we can create a more sustainable world.

Please keep an eye for more details on our 2025 RISE for Schools competition.





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