

**Ethekwini Municipality, Durban University of Technology and Research Committee 10 of
the International Sociological Association**

2nd Durban International Conference on Public Participation: 17-18 June 2019

“Economic Marginalisation, Social Exclusion and Public Participation”

Call for Papers

In both the political north and the political south, with increasing global inequality, there is evidence of growing economic marginalisation and social exclusion, and growing disaffection with the formal structures of government. In South Africa, efforts have been undertaken to challenge the marginalisation and exclusion of the majority since the advent of democracy 24 years ago. These attempts include wider and more meaningful Public Participation. This is a constitutional imperative in South Africa that is intended to draw communities into direct engagement with policy and decision-making. The process of putting this into practice has not been without its challenges and contradictions. However, Public Participation remains a key means available in representative democracies to address economic marginalisation and social exclusion and to facilitate conversations with citizens.

Given the contextualisation above, the 2nd Durban International Conference on Public Participation (ICPP 2) will have the theme “Economic Marginalisation, Social Exclusion and Public Participation”.

Its aims will be as follows:

- To understand the nature of the challenge governments in ‘developed’ and ‘developing’ countries face in addressing economic marginalisation and social exclusion
- To identify which groups in societies are marginalised and why
- To analyse the potential of Public Participation as a vehicle for change
- To identify what is needed for Public Participation to achieve this potential.

Scholars, government officials, non-government organisations and citizens are invited to submit papers for presentation at the Conference.

Proposals for 20 minute presentations should explain the relationship of the paper to the conference theme and specify one or more aims. Abstracts of no more than 300 words (not including bibliography) and your 200 word resume should be submitted by 15th February, 2019. Please submit your abstract as an email attachment to Crispin Hemson icon1@dut.ac.za and Dasarath Chetty chettytd@gmail.com . The conference committee will review all proposals, with accepted papers receiving notification by 28th February, 2019.