

Sixth International PPE Conference

Criteria for Student Paper Award

A *Best Paper Award* will be given to the presenter of the best paper at the conference.

Eligibility:

In order for a paper to be considered for the award, the following eligibility criteria must be met:

- The author (and co-authors) must be less than 35 years of age upon the date of the conference.
- All submitted papers will automatically be peer reviewed by the scientific committee and considered for the *Best Paper Award*.

Process:

- Each eligible paper will be read by all members of the scientific committee and evaluated against the criteria below.
- Members of the scientific committee shall decline to evaluate papers if they have the following special relationships with the author(s) of the papers considered: relatives, fellow students, colleagues, and co-authors.
- A decision on the *Best Paper Award* will be made during the conference and announced on the last day of conference.

Selection Criteria:

- Papers will be reviewed and judged based on the criteria described below. Each paper will be given a score of 0–10 (where 0 is the lowest and 10 is the highest score) for each criterion.
- The score allocated to each paper by each reviewer shall be multiplied by the weighting and then added. The highest scoring paper shall be recommended for the *Best Paper Award*. Where two or more papers receive the same total score, the paper which has the highest score in the highest weighted criteria shall be recommended for the award. If the papers are still tied, the highest score in the second highest weighted criteria will be recommended for the award, and so on until a winner is determined.

Academic Criteria:

- **Originality (weighting 40%)**
Originality of contribution to knowledge with an emphasis on the paper's innovativeness in one or more of; (i) theoretical development, (ii) empirical results or, (iii) policy development
- **Quality of Argument (weighting 30%)**
Quality of argument incorporating; (i) critical analysis of concepts, theories and findings, and (ii) consistency and coherency of debate
- **Positioning (weighting 15%)**
Clear positioning of paper in existing international literature with a conclusion(s) that is both convincing and of significant potential
- **Writing Style (weighting 15%)**
Quality of writing style in term of accuracy, clarity, readability, and organisation of the paper

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Author(s):

Reviewer:

Criteria	Score (0–10)	Weight	Total Score
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Quality of Argument: Quality of argument incorporating; (i) critical analysis of concepts, theories and findings, and (ii) consistency and coherency of debate		30	
Positioning: Clear positioning of paper in existing international literature with a conclusion(s) that is both convincing and of significant potential		15	
Writing Style: Quality of writing style in term of accuracy, clarity, readability, and organisation of the paper		15	
TOTAL SCORE			