



3rd Call for Papers: SACLA 2024 (17-19 July 2024)

Submission deadline extension: 15 April 2024

<https://sacla2024.mandela.ac.za/>

Nelson Mandela University proudly announces the 53rd Annual Conference of the Southern African Computer Lecturers' Association (SACLA). This in-person conference serves as a distinguished platform for the exchange of original research and practical experiences, fostering dialogue on the teaching and learning of Information Systems, Computer Science, Information Technology and related disciplines.

Conference Theme: Humanising and Innovative Teaching and Learning

SACLA 2024 focuses on Humanising and Innovative Teaching and Learning of Computer Science (CS), Information Systems (IS) and Information Technology (IT) education. We invite practitioners, industry representatives and academia to contribute to this transformative discourse. The conference will cover a diverse range of topics within the overarching theme, including but not limited to:

- Cultivating a culture of CS, IS and IT lifelong learning in a rapidly changing field.
- Innovative Teaching and Learning of CS, IS and IT for a better-prepared future workforce.
- Developing curricula that are relevant to the real world.
- Academic integrity and quality assurance in the education of technological content.
- Humanising teaching practices in CS, IS, and IT: inclusive teaching methods, technologies, and approaches.
- Expanding access to CS, IS and IT education.
- The challenges of providing adequate computing facilities for students.
- The future of assessment in CS, IS and IT education.
- The role of accreditation in CS, IS and IT education.
- Bridging the gap from school to university.
- Bridging the gap from university to industry.
- The impact of generative artificial intelligence on CS, IS and IT education.

SACLA 2024 Conference management committee

The conference committee are as follows:

- Conference Chair: Prof Lynn Fitcher
- Conference Vice-Chair: Dr Sue Petratos
- Conference Programme Chair: Dr Tapiwa Gundu

- Conference Technical Chair: Prof Noluxolo Gcaza
- Webmasters: Dr Thomas Hilmer and Mr Abo Beba

SACLA 2024 venue

The venue for SACLA 2024 is the 5-star Boardwalk Casino and Entertainment World in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth). The venue is situated at the main tourist beach and is within easy walking distance from various accommodation options ranging from 5-stars to 2-stars. <https://sacla2024.mandela.ac.za/Accommodation>

SACLA 2024 publications

SACLA 2024 will have three publications:

- Selected papers in the Springer CCIS journal;
- SACLA 2024 Conference proceedings; and
- The SACLA 2024 Research-in-Progress (RiP) compilation.

Full research paper and Research-in-Progress Submissions

Authors are invited to make submissions for one of the following categories:

Full research papers

- Full research papers (minimum of 12 pages and a maximum of 16 pages) in the Springer LNCS format: <https://www.springer.com/gp/computer-science/lncs/conference-proceedings-guidelines>) that report on completed research, inclusive of results.
- The SACLA 2024 Word paper template can be downloaded from <https://sacla2024.mandela.ac.za/>.
- Full papers will be reviewed by two reviewers following a double-blind peer review process. Papers will be evaluated according to their novel research contribution, methodological soundness, theoretical framing and reference to related work, quality of analysis and quality of writing and presentation. Only original, unpublished research papers in English will be considered.
- As in previous years, a selection of the conference's best full papers will be published in a Springer CCIS volume (Scopus-indexed).
- Full papers not selected for the Springer CCIS publication will be eligible for inclusion in the SACLA 2024 conference proceedings.
- **All accepted full papers are DHET subsidy-bearing.**
- Accepted full papers must be presented at the conference to be published in either volume.
- All submitted papers will undergo a pre-screening process by the programme chairs before sending them out for review. The programme chairs reserve the right to perform early rejection of any paper that does not meet the minimum quality/formatting/scope requirements.

Research-in-progress

- Research-in-progress papers (minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8 pages) that report intermediate results of ongoing research projects, which align with the conference scope.
- Research-in-progress papers will be reviewed by members of the programme committee but will not undergo a double-blind review process.

- Accepted research-in-progress papers will be published in the **Research-in-Progress compilation** and included in the conference pack and must be presented at the conference.
- These submissions are not DHET subsidy-bearing.

Paper technical requirements

- The SACLA MS-Word paper template can be downloaded from the SACLA 2024 website.
- Author(s) must include a 250 word Abstract and keywords for competitive papers.
- Referencing style: square brackets and consecutive numbers
- The EasyChair platform requires the author(s) details, Abstract and keywords to be captured separately.
- Paper(s) must include the following sections: Introduction; Research problem and objectives; Literature review; Research methodology; Results/Findings; Conclusions, Limitations and Future Research; and a Reference list.

Note: ALL papers will be submitted to Turnitin.

Paper submissions

Papers must be submitted on EasyChair before 15th April 2024. Earlier submissions are encouraged. EasyChair conference submission page is: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=sacla2024>

Important Dates

Call for papers published	30 th November 2023
Paper submission deadline	31st March 15 April 2024
Reviewer feedback	8 th May 2024
Camera-ready paper submission	22 nd May 2024
Registration	15 th April – 5 th July 2024
Conference dates	17 th – 19 th July 2024

Conference fees

Full research paper (by 15 June)	R3500
Full research paper (after 15 June)	R4500
Individuals (partners, etc.) not attending the conference:	
Cocktail function (Wednesday evening)	R350
Gala dinner (Thursday)	R600

Conference registration

Attendees are required to register by no later than 5th July 2024 for organisational purposes.

Register for the conference here: <https://sacla2024.mandela.ac.za/Registration>

Invoices are available on request on the SACLA 2024 website.

This is a pre-paid conference. All payments are due by Friday, 5th July 2024.

Conference accommodation

Please make your reservation as soon as possible. Accommodation is for your own account on a first come, first serve basis. You can book your accommodation by contacting the hotel yourself. Here is a list of available hotels: <https://sacla2024.mandela.ac.za/Accommodation>

Please note that a number of B&B's are available in Summerstrand, within walking distance from the conference.

HoD Colloquium

The HoD meeting will take place on Wednesday, 17th July 2024 at 13h30 at the Court Yard hotel. HoD's, subject heads and HoD representatives are encouraged to attend. The Agenda will be placed on the website: <https://saccla2024.mandela.ac.za/HoD>.

Conference preliminary programme

SACLA 2024 Provisional Programme

The Boardwalk Casino and Entertainment World in Gqeberha

Wednesday, 17 th July 2024		
12h00 to 17h00	Registration (Front Desk)	Boardwalk Hotel
14h00 to 17h00	HoD symposium (meeting of HoDs and subject groups) [Include Coffee/Tea/Biscuits at 13h30 and 15h30. Water at tables]	Court Yard Hotel
17h00 to 17h30	SACLA Executive Committee Meeting	Court Yard Hotel
19h00	COCKTAIL EVENING Boardwalk Conference Centre	
Thursday, 18 th July 2024		
08h30 to 17h00	Registration (Front Desk) [Coffees on arrival]	
08h30 to 08h40	Welcome/Opening [ALL]	
08h45 to 09h05	Keynote 1	
	Session 1 [D1/D2] – Session Chair: TBC	
09h10 to 10h30	P1 – P4	
10h30 to 11h00	COFFEE BREAK	
	Session 2 [D1/D2] – Session Chair: TBC	
11h00 to 12h30	P5 – P8	
12h40 to 13h40	LUNCH BREAK	
	Session 3 [D1/D2] – Session Chair: TBC	
13h40 to 15h00	P9 – P12	
15h00 to 15h30	COFFEE BREAK	
	Session 4 [D1/D2] – Session Chair: TBC	
15h30 to 17h50	P13 – P16	
19h00 to 23h00	GALA DINNER Boardwalk Conference Centre	
Friday, 19 th July 2024		
08h30 to 12h30	Registration (Front Desk) [Coffees on arrival]	
09h00 to 10h00	Keynote 2	
10h00 to 10h30	COFFEE BREAK	
10h30 to 11h50	P17 – P20	
11h50 to 12h50	AGM	
12h50 to 13h00	Closing	
13h00 to 14h00	LUNCH BREAK	

Please email any queries to: saccla2024@mandela.ac.za