CALL FOR PROPOSALS/ABSTRACTS

International Media Literacy Research Symposium

https://www.imlrs.net/

June 4-6, 2026



John Cabot University -- Rome, Italy
(In-Person)

WHO SHOULD SUBMIT:

Scholars, Researchers, and Educators at all stages of their careers are welcome to submit!!

ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING FORMATS:

Roundtables:
Individuals present their work in a roundtable which seats approximately 8 people. Attendees will rotate to the different tables of interest to them.

Panels:
A group of people who are wanting to discuss a common topic of interest and make their presentation to the group. They would present throughout the whole session.

Presentations:
Presenters will have 15-20 minutes to share their work with a 10-minute Q & A at the end. A session moderator will be in attendance for coordination.

KEY DATES:

- **Call for proposals/abstracts***:
  - June 15 until November 1, 2025
- **Notification of acceptance:** December 5, 2025

**Note: only extended abstracts accepted at this time. No papers, please!*

STRANDS OF FOCUS:

Strand 1: **Media Literacy & Information Literacy**

General strand open to anyone who is interested in discussing where media/information literacy education exists in their part of the world.

Strand 2: Media Literacy in Practice (For Practitioners)

Teacher? Educator? Learner? This strand is for you. Engage practitioners and educators in teaching or learning about best media literacy education practices for the classroom. Submissions can be for practice at elementary, secondary or higher education. Please specify your audience in the proposal.

Strand 3: **Media Literacy for Social Change**

What constitutes social change in media literacy? How can media literacy empower individuals and communities to challenge the status quo and advocate for justice? This strand explores the intersection of media literacy and activism, focusing on how media can be used to inspire action, amplify marginalized voices, and create meaningful societal impact.

Strand 4: **Ethics and the Media**

Where do ethics and morality play in the work of media literacy? How has technology influenced it further or perhaps added questions of ethics? How does data and privacy fit into the dialogue? Artificial Intelligence? This strand is open to those who consider ethical issues as a component of their work.

Strand 5: **Futures: EcoMedia, AI… Where are we going?**

The world is changing much faster with the availability of generative AI. How has that changed or evolved the work of media literacy education? What is the future? Can we predict it based on and using a media literacy lens? This strand is open to those who are thinking about the direction of where we are heading as well as how media literacy is a part of the ongoing technological changes and provocations.

Submit to the following website: https://www.imlrs.net/

REGISTRATION COST:

- **$150.00**
  ***Note: All presenters must register by February 28 in order to be included in the conference brochure.*

REGISTRATION OPENS:

- **January 15, 2026**

PUBLISHING:

All papers will be considered for future publication. Details presented at conference.

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