



Call for Papers

APIRA & AARN Joint Conference 2025

Main conference: 2nd – 4th July 2025

Emerging Scholars' Colloquium: 1st July 2025

The Value of Accounting in Transforming the World

Centre for Markets, Values and Inclusion (CMVI) at the University of South Australia (UniSA) will host the joint conference of Asia-Pacific Interdisciplinary Research in Accounting (APIRA) and Alternative Accounting Research Network (AARN) at the Hilton Hotel, Adelaide, Australia, from 2nd to 4th July 2025, along with the Emerging Scholars' Colloquium on 1st July 2025. We would like to invite your paper contributions in all interdisciplinary accounting areas.

Background of the conference

Over the past three decades, the APIRA community has worked together to support and contribute to the growing interdisciplinary research in accounting and has established a leading platform showcasing the importance of interdisciplinary research in the Asia-Pacific region. This conference holds significant prestige and is recognized as one of the three leading interdisciplinary accounting conferences. It operates on a three-year cycle alongside the North American Critical Perspectives on Accounting (CPA) conference and the European Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Accounting (IPA) conference. Notably, it is generally the largest of the three conferences and runs the largest Emerging Scholars' Colloquium.

More recently, the APIRA community has joined the AARN community to jointly offer an international forum facilitating discussions and debates on the critical role of accounting in creating a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable society. The 2025 APIRA & AARN joint conference will be held in association with the *Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal (AAAJ)* and *Critical Perspectives on Accounting (CPA)*. This prestigious event brings together leading scholars, researchers, and practitioners from around the world to explore and share developments in interdisciplinary research in accounting. The conference will feature an array of keynote speakers, panel discussions, and paper presentations that will offer invaluable insights and networking opportunities.

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Special celebration of APIRA's 30th birthday

We are delighted to announce that after a few years' recess because of the Pandemic, APIRA conference revives its triennial event tradition in July 2025. The conference began its journey in 1995 traversing Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Singapore. In 2025, we will celebrate 30 years of success of APIRA and embrace the new generation of interdisciplinary and alternative accounting scholars who are more courageous, motivated, and determined to make a meaningful change to transform our world for sustainability. We encourage you to consider the attendance and look forward to welcoming you to Adelaide – a contemporary, vibrant and picturesque city in South Australia, to celebrate the much anticipated 30th anniversary of APIRA!

Topics of interest

The APIRA & AARN 2025 conference theme is **The Value of Accounting in Transforming the World**. Along with this conference theme, we are interested in papers that can challenge the stereotypes, think beyond the conventional, broaden the interdisciplinary scopes, and offer new insights to advance the interdisciplinary accounting research. To enable the contribution of interdisciplinary accounting to a better and more sustainable world, we welcome submissions from the following topic areas, informed by **UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**:

- Accounting and Humanitarian Issues
- Accounting and Health & Wellbeing
- Accounting and Social Justice (gender equity, social inclusion, etc.)
- Accounting and Education
- Accounting and Public Interest (public sector accountability, NGOs, etc.)
- Accounting and the Environment (climate change, energy efficiency, water, circular economy, etc.)
- Accounting and Economic Development Equality
- Accounting and Sustainable Cities & Communities
- Accounting and Biodiversity
- Accounting and Sustainability in General (sustainability accounting and reporting, etc.)
- Accounting and New Technologies (use of AI, big data, machine learning, blockchain, etc.)
- Accounting and Methodological Innovations (methodology insights that contribute to SDGs).

Deadlines for conference paper submission:

Paper submission open:	1 December 2024
Paper submission deadline:	31 January 2025
Notification of acceptance by:	28 February 2025
Early bird registration:	up to 31 March 2025
Standard registration:	up to 30 April 2025
Late registration:	up to 31 May 2025

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Submission process: Authors can upload their full papers via the submission portal once the submission is open on 1st December 2024. For the main Conference, only **full papers** will be considered. Submissions consisting of an abstract only will not be accepted. Please note the recommended paper length is 8,000 words, with a maximum of 12,000 words permitted, including references. Each individual is limited to one personal appearance on the program as a presenting author. In other words, an author can submit and present one paper only. However, a presenter can be a non-presenting co-author of multiple papers.

All papers must be original. No AI generated materials or any form of plagiarism will be accepted for this conference. If detected, the papers will be immediately withdrawn and cancelled from the conference program.

Paper format should follow the **AAAJ's author guidelines**, including a structured abstract (200-250 words). Please visit the AAAJ website for more information:

<https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/journal/aaaj>

Reviewing process and discussions: All papers will be reviewed before accepted to the Conference. A discussant will be assigned if the paper is accepted. Regarding discussions, it is important to note that in line with the traditions of the CPA and IPA conferences, by submitting a paper to the APIRA & AARN 2025 conference, you agree that you, or one of your co-authors, a) may be asked to review another paper submitted to the Conference; b) will attend the conference to present your paper if it is accepted; and c) will discuss a paper in your subject area during the conference.

Presentation at the conference: Each paper will be allocated 30 minutes in a designated session, which includes 20 mins presentation, 5 mins discussion from a discussant, and 5 mins Q & A.

Emerging Scholars' Colloquium (ESC):

Research students and emerging scholars from all interdisciplinary areas of accounting are invited to make your submission the ESC to be held at Bradley Forum, Hawke Building, University of South Australia City West Campus on 1st July 2025. The ESC provides an excellent platform for emerging interdisciplinary researchers to present their work, engage in discussions with peers and experienced accounting scholars, and receive constructive feedback and guidance.

Format of ESC submissions: Thesis proposals from research Masters or PhDs, and extended abstracts of work-in-progress papers from early career researchers (ECRs) are welcome for the ESC. The submission should include (1) Title; (2) Research motivation; (3) Research question and objective; (4) Research method; (5) Preliminary findings if any. Around 1,000 words excluding references are recommended for ESC submissions.

Deadlines for ESC submissions:

Paper submission open:	1 December 2024
Paper submission deadline:	14 February 2025
Notification of acceptance by:	28 February 2025
Early bird registration:	up to 31 March 2025
Standard registration:	up to 30 April 2025
No acceptance of registration after:	30 April 2025

All ESC participants must also register for the main conference.

For more information, please visit <http://www.unisa.edu.au/apira-aarn-2025/>