

CSEAR INTERNATIONAL GOES ON THE ROAD

13th CSEAR Emerging Scholars Colloquium (8 June 2026)

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Tampere University, Finland

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

Submission Deadline: 15 January 2026

The Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research (CSEAR) is pleased to organize the 13th Emerging Scholars Colloquium, a one-day event for emerging scholars working on social and environmental accounting research. This year the colloquium will take place on 8 June 2026, immediately preceding the 36th International Congress on Social and Environmental Accounting Research that will be held at Tampere University, Finland, on 9-11 June 2026. The participants of the Emerging Scholars Colloquium are expected to join the CSEAR International Congress after the colloquium.

The aim of the colloquium is to provide an opportunity for emerging scholars in social and environmental accounting (SEA) research to present and discuss their research projects alongside a cohort of distinguished international faculty. The colloquium will maintain an informal atmosphere to enable intensive intellectual debate.

In addition to supporting the advancement of research projects, the aim of the ESC is to introduce emerging scholars into the SEA research community. At the same time, it seeks to facilitate a reflection on questions, issues, and topics potentially of interest to emerging scholars. For this purpose, we invite participants to actively engage by raising questions and concerns throughout the event creating a lively and engaged forum for discussion.

The Faculty

The colloquium will be organized into small group sessions guided by leading scholars in the field of SEA research, representing various research methodologies, topics, and a range of theoretical expertise. There will also be plenary sessions where participants will be able to interact (both formally and informally) with faculty and organising committee members.

Criteria for the selection of participants

To facilitate dialogue and discussion, the number of emerging scholars invited to participate is limited. Ideally, applicants should have at minimum made some progress in their doctoral research. All other early career scholars are also encouraged to apply to the colloquium.

Submissions will be selected according to:

- quality (broadly defined) of the research project proposal,
- subject matter directly or indirectly related to SEA, and
- geographical, gender, theoretical and methodological diversity.

Applications

Interested emerging scholars wishing to participate in this event are invited to apply by submitting ONE single Word file including:

1. a description* of the research project (maximum 2,000 words). It should include the title of the project and a summary of the research question, the theoretical and methodological framework(s) utilized or considered, the expected contribution, the potential implications from the research, the discussion of the results to date, and any challenges encountered. It should also include the list of bibliographical references (but will not be tallied towards the maximum word count);
2. a one-page curriculum vitae, including name, e-mail address, institutional affiliation, research interests, PhD supervisor (if applicable) and years in the doctoral program to date (if applicable).

* We prefer to have an extended abstract or proposal but will accept applications with a proposal/simple abstract with the expectation a more developed paper be submitted prior to the conference. This will allow for more meaningful feedback from our faculty.

NOTE: research submitted to the Emerging Scholars Colloquium cannot be submitted to the main conference. Emerging Scholars wishing to present at the main conference must submit work that is substantively different to that which is presented at the Emerging Scholars Colloquium. Acceptances for the ESC will be sent prior to the main conference submission deadline, allowing participants to adequately plan where they ultimately submit.

Registration

We anticipate heightened demand for places and urge early registration. The conference website will soon provide charges and full details of how to register at: <https://events.tuni.fi/csear2026>. Registration will open in January 2026.

Practical information

Venue: Tampere University, Tampere, Finland.

Accommodation: Participants are asked to make their own hotel reservations and pay for their own accommodation at the hotel. For more information on available alternatives at different price points, please visit the conference website.

Cost: Scholars attending the colloquium are required to become a [paid member of CSEAR](#) and register for the 36th International Congress on Social and Environmental Accounting Research. The CSEAR website will soon provide cost information and full details of how to register at: <https://events.tuni.fi/csear2026>. Registration will open in January 2026.

Bursaries: At previous ESCs, CSEAR has been able to provide some support for participation in the form of bursaries. Further details of potential bursaries will be made available in due course.

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