



**6<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on**  
“Efficiency in Education, Health and other Public Services”

**Huddersfield Business School, Huddersfield, England**  
**September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Keynote Speakers:**

We are pleased to confirm that the keynote speakers for the conference are to date:

- [Professor William Weber](#), Southeast Missouri State University, USA
- [Professor Christopher O'Donnell](#), University of Queensland, Australia
- [Dr Jonas Månsson](#), Linnaeus University, Sweden

**Organising and Scientific Committee:**

- Professor Jill Johnes, University of Huddersfield
- Professor Geraint Johnes, Lancaster University
- Professor Tommaso Agasisti, Politecnico di Milano
- Professor Kristof De Witte, KU Leuven and Maastricht University

**Local Organisers:** Professor Jill Johnes and Dr Swati Virmani, Huddersfield Business School, University of Huddersfield

**Call for Papers:**

Improving the efficiency of public sector organisations is a major challenge in the context of public finance and economic development, where fiscal consolidation has become an essential characteristic of any reform. Recent reforms have started to address these issues with the introduction of performance-based funding. But this requires an accurate measurement of performance or efficiency by assessing the way in which inputs (human and financial resources) are transformed into outputs (public services of a given quality). The purpose of the Workshop is to focus on specific challenges around measuring performance in the education, health and other public services sectors. It will bring together scholars from various disciplines and fields to debate the present and future challenges in the area of public sector efficiency, performance measurement, and policy and managerial implications of the on-going research. The Workshop provides an ideal platform for presenting new methods, applications of existing techniques, and advances in theoretical and empirical research.

The Workshop is the sixth of a series of academic meetings focused on efficiency analysis in education, the previous ones being hosted in Greece (Thessaloniki) - 2013, United Kingdom (London) - 2014, Belgium (Leuven) - 2015, Milan (Italy) in 2016, and Budapest (Hungary) in 2017.

The 2018 workshop explicitly aims to expand the horizon by bringing together theoretical and empirical studies that are not only focused on efficiency analysis in education but also health and other public services, and linking with the broader area of measuring performance within the public sector.

### **Submission:**

Extended abstracts (max 3/4 pages) or full papers must be submitted by email to

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by May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and notification of acceptance will be sent out by June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Prospective participants can also propose not only single papers, but also entire sessions, that can share thematic interests or methodological commonalities. In this case, please indicate the name of the Chair responsible for organising the session.

### **Important Dates:**

May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for abstract submission
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Notification of acceptance
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Early bird Registration
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Fee payment and Registration
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Full paper submission
September 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop

### **Best Paper Award:**

All participants can participate for the award. The best paper will get book vouchers from Cambridge Scholars worth £250; and the second best paper will get book vouchers from Oxford University Press worth £150. To participate, authors must submit finished papers (abstracts not accepted) by the deadline indicated above (August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018).

### **Special Issue:**

Authors who presented can submit their manuscript for the special issue of *International Transactions in Operational Research* (ITOR) Journal on "Efficiency in Education, Health and other Public Services". Each paper will be peer-reviewed according to the editorial policy of ITOR. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2019. Further details on how to submit, guest editors and topics covered can be found on the conference [webpage](#).

### **Venue:**

The event is hosted by the [Huddersfield Business School](#), University of Huddersfield.



### **Fees:**

Participation in the Workshop is subject to the payment of a fee of £175 (early bird up to July 15<sup>th</sup>), which includes the cost of the conference dinner.

### **Workshop's Programme:**

The programme will be available by the end of July 2018.

The Workshop will start indicatively around 10 am on September 6<sup>th</sup>, and will end around 3 pm on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Travel & Hotels:**

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#### **Travel**

How to get to Huddersfield: <https://www.hud.ac.uk/about/maps/>

By air: the nearest airport is Leeds/Bradford (LBA), but it is easier to use Manchester Airport (MAN) – there is a direct train between Huddersfield and Manchester Airport (c55 mins) – <https://www.thetrainline.com/train-times/manchester-airport-to-huddersfield>

By train: <https://www.thetrainline.com/stations/huddersfield>

#### **Hotels (Huddersfield Town Centre)**

[Premier Inn](#) (c5mins)

[The Central Lodge Hotel](#) (c10mins)

[The Cambridge Hotel](#) (c20mins, but 5mins from train station)

### **Webpage:**

The conference webpage and further details can be found [here](#)

### **Contacts:**

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