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The conference accepts two kinds of submissions at the intersection of complex systems studies and public policy:

1. academic papers (full papers in pdf format of roughly 5000 words) or posters (described in an extended abstract of roughly 500 words) that either
   - present original research (theoretical or field) or
   - describe and analyze real-world cases or
   - reflect on the current state of research

2. project summaries by practitioners as either presentations or posters (short summaries in pdf format of roughly 500 words) that
   - outline a project where complex systems approaches were successfully used or
   - outline a project that used traditional approaches and ran into insurmountable problems that might be amenable to complex systems approaches

If submissions are accepted authors will be asked to give a 15 minute presentation on their papers or project summaries or present the poster in a special session. Furthermore, if requested by the authors, accepted papers and abstracts can undergo an additional review process and be published in a special issue of the Journal on Policy and Complex Systems. Both full papers and short abstracts should be submitted through EasyChair. Please make sure to register for the conference on our website in addition to the paper submission.
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The submission deadline is February 15, 2020.

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