

11TH ANNUAL ICGS CONFERENCE: TRANSFORMATIVE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE 18-19 OCTOBER 2025

Alliance Manchester Business School, The University of Manchester, UK
Deadline for paper submissions: 30 June 2025



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About the conference

Each year, the ICGS conference provides a forum for international academics and policymakers to showcase and discuss the latest corporate governance research issues and practices. The 11th annual conference aims to foster a lively, multidisciplinary dialogue and debate among scholars and practitioners by concentrating on the transformative role of corporate governance. As we are experiencing continuous transformation in the contemporary business world, companies are expected to navigate a changing economic and socio-political environment in an effective and sustainable way. For example, business communities and management scholarship are increasingly paying attention to “grand challenges” such as:

- Artificial intelligence
- Climate change
- Deglobalisation
- Geopolitical tensions
- Global health issues
- Poverty reduction

While corporate governance is well-recognised for promoting accountability to shareholders and stakeholders, its role in helping companies manage external changes and transform their practices and environment is still underexplored. It becomes evident that we need to further understand and appreciate the role of corporate governance in periods of societal transformation. As the first industrial city and a hub of innovation, Manchester is the ideal place for such discussions and exchanges of ideas.

Topics include:

- The role of corporate governance in the context of helping companies to manage the external transformative forces and to transform their organisational practices and external business/societal environment.
- The roles of boards of directors and senior executives as well as other internal governance actors such as audit executives, general counsel, and ESG officers.
- Antecedents and outcomes of different types of ownership.
- How firms' strategic decisions are influenced by external governance mechanisms.
- The relationship between corporate governance and stakeholders.
- The role of corporate governance in a (de)globalising economy and the comparison of corporate governance mechanisms/practices across the world.

Pre-Conference Workshop

The ICGS/CGIR Junior Scholar Consortium and Paper Development Workshop (PDW) will be held on Friday October 17th, 2025, as part of the preconference program. The event, sponsored by Wiley, involves current and former CGIR Editors. The purpose of the consortium and PDW is to provide junior scholars with developmental feedback on their research papers in the field of CG. We are soliciting doctoral students and junior faculty members – from any discipline and any country – to submit an original paper on CG.

Dedicated website: <https://ambs.ac.uk/icgs2025>

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Call for Papers and Proposals

You can submit your paper or proposal from **March 1st, 2025**. Your submission should be made through our online conference management system; please follow this link to submit: <https://www.conftool.org/icgs2025/>. The deadline for submissions is 23:59 (UK time) on **June 30th, 2025**. You'll be contacted about your submission's result by late July 2025. The best submissions will be considered for the best conference paper award. The author(s) awarded with this will be recognised at the conference.

Funding opportunities

There are funding opportunities available to doctoral students and early career researchers. Please visit our dedicated website for more information.

Submission guidelines

Your submission must build on your own previously unpublished original research. You can submit either a full paper or a research proposal. Whichever option you choose, we are looking for research that will advance the field of corporate governance. If you submit a full paper, it must not be longer than 60 double-spaced pages - this includes your abstract, references, tables, and figures. If you submit a research proposal, it must not be longer than 10 single-spaced pages in length or 3,000 words. It must also include the following sections: Abstract - a 200 to 300 words description that summarises the overall study; Proposal - a narrative description of the conceptual or empirical study; Supporting materials - tables, figures, and references that support your proposal. On your paper or proposal's title page, you should indicate which of the conference tracks best fits. The Track Chairs might shift your paper or proposal into another track to the one you submit if they think it fits better.

Each PDW applicant may submit only one paper, which may or may not also be scheduled to be presented later in the conference. PDW applicants should indicate during their submission whether they plan on participating virtually or in person.