

# Communication and Stigmatization: Theory, Research, and Applications

International Symposium on Anti-Stigma Communication

September 19-20, 2019 | TU Dortmund University, Dortmund (Germany)

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Stigmas are created, spread, and reduced through communication. Many people are affected by structural, public, or self-stigmatization because of their gender, race, age, disability, health status, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, etc. Substantial differences exist in the literature regarding theoretical conceptualizations, measurement approaches, and communication-based intervention strategies. Likewise, attempts to erase stigmatization through interpersonal, mediated, or mass communication remain challenging and yield inconsistent results.

This international symposium aims to bring together scholars from different disciplines and with different target groups, to exchange views about foundations, mechanisms, measurement approaches, data analysis strategies, and findings related to anti-stigma communication. This comprises strategies for fostering pro-social attitudes and behaviors, as well as empowerment strategies for enhancing the inclusion and social participation of stigmatized individuals or groups.

We invite contributions on a wide range of topics, which include, but are not limited to:

- theoretical foundations of anti-stigma communication
- role of individual, cultural, and social factors
- role of message and channel characteristics
- measurement approaches and data analysis strategies
- resistance, reactance, and further negative effects of anti-stigma communication
- guidelines and best-practice examples
- ethical considerations

The symposium program will include oral paper presentations and poster sessions. Work-in-progress submissions are encouraged.

## **Abstract Submission**

Please submit your abstract (no longer than 350 words, excluding references) by **May 1, 2019** through our online submission system:

<http://submission.ISASC2019.net>

Authors may indicate their preferred presentation format, either oral presentation or poster, during the submission process. Abstract and symposium language is English. All submissions will be peer-reviewed.

## **Key Dates**

- March 4, 2019: Submission system will be open
- May 1, 2019: Deadline for abstract submissions
- June 1, 2019: Notifications of acceptance
- June 1, 2019: Registration opens
- July 31, 2019: Deadline for registrations
- September 19-20, 2019: Symposium

## **Symposium Information**

The international symposium on anti-stigma communication will take place September 19 to 20, 2019, at the TU Dortmund University's Campus City ("Dortmunder U") in Dortmund (Germany).

The regular conference fee is 75 EUR, a discounted option is available. This fee covers symposium expenses (abstract booklet, name tag, technical service), coffee breaks, dinner (Tuesday) and lunch (Friday), but not travel and accommodation.

Please visit our symposium website for further information about the location, registration options, the program, and suggested accommodation:

<http://www.ISASC2019.net>

## **Conference Chairs and Organizing Committee**

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