

BAM 2026 CONFERENCE



Project Experiences Track

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Track description:

Project Experiences: Advancing Project Management Research and Practice

The Project Experiences track is an international forum dedicated to all aspects of project research and practice. It welcomes contributions on a wide array of topics in project management and broader project studies. We encourage submissions that span programmes, portfolios, megaprojects, and project networks, as well as innovative project approaches and methodologies.

In alignment with the BAM 2026 conference theme “Thriving Together: Impact, Innovation, and Inclusion in Business and Management”, this track invites research that investigates how projects serve as catalysts for collaborative success, inclusive innovation, and meaningful societal impact. We are particularly keen to feature studies that reveal how project management fosters thriving communities of practice whilst navigating technological transformation, promoting wellbeing, and creating sustainable value.

Nonetheless, our focus remains on attracting high quality research that contributes meaningfully to project management and project studies in all its forms. We welcome submissions on traditional and contemporary project management topics, recognising that the discipline encompasses a rich diversity of perspectives and approaches. As such, we encourage submissions that engage with any aspect of project theory and practice, from foundational concepts to emerging trends. We aim to build a vibrant research community that explores all dimensions of project work, including how <https://www.bam.ac.uk/bam-community/special-interest-groups/project-experiences.html>

projects contribute to organisational success and societal development. Whether addressing core project management competencies, contemporary challenges in project shaping and delivery, or pushing the boundaries of project theory, this track seeks contributions that inspire fresh insights and dynamic dialogues.

Key Topics: We welcome contributions on all aspects of project management and project studies.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Project planning, governance, commercial management, and risk, uncertainty and complexity management
- Project methodologies (e.g., Agile, Lean, Waterfall, hybrid) and their adaptability in contemporary contexts
- The evolving nature of project work in global, digital, and virtual environments, including AI and emerging technologies
- Project team dynamics, wellbeing, and inclusive leadership practices
- Sustainability in project management, integrating environmental and social considerations

- The interface between temporary and permanent organisations and public and private sectors in complex projects
- Ethics, inequalities and diverse experiences in project work, especially under changing societal expectations
- Strategic aspects, organisational behaviours experienced in project organising

This year's Project Experiences track offers a broad platform for project management discussions, inviting contributions that explore projects from multiple perspectives, whether as mechanisms for delivering strategic objectives, drivers of innovation, or enablers of collaborative success.

Submission Types:

We invite both full and developmental papers:

- Full papers should be in an advanced stage of development, offering theoretical insights, empirical studies, or methodological approaches that contribute substantively to project management and project studies discourse.
- Developmental papers provide an opportunity to present emerging research grounded in theory and methodology, with sessions focused on real-time, constructive feedback rather than formal discussions.

Symposia and Workshops

In addition to paper submissions, we welcome symposia and workshop proposals:

- Symposia should address pressing or foundational questions, encouraging collaborative exploration across disciplines. Proposals should connect multiple perspectives to challenge and broaden current research directions.
- Workshops should offer practical, interactive experiences, particularly those that bridge academia and industry. We are especially interested in workshops that feature practitioner insights and examine cross-boundary collaboration in project management practices.

Keywords: Project Management, Programme Management, Megaprojects, Project Governance, Risk and Complexity Management, Agile Methodologies, Digital Transformation, Stakeholder Engagement, Sustainability in Projects, Project Team Wellbeing, Organisational Resilience, Innovation in Project Delivery, Cross Cultural Collaboration, Social Impact.