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40th Anniversary Management Control Conference – 18-19th June 2026 Call for papers



The 40th Anniversary Management Control (MCA) Conference will take place at Birmingham Business School, University of Birmingham, UK, hosted by the [Department of Accounting](#), on 18-19th June 2026, with an emerging scholars colloquium on 17th June. Further information at www.managementcontrolassociation.ac.uk

Papers are invited on any aspect of management control or performance management. We especially welcome papers from a *critical* and *interdisciplinary* perspective. Special themes:

- Actor-Reality Construction (ARC) and Pragmatic Constructivism (PC), in association with the [Network for ARC](#)
- AI/digital developments in Management Control Systems (MCS)
- History of Management Control
- MCS for Sustainability, Nature, Earth & Beyond
- MCS for the Future
- Risk, Resilience and Management Control
- Strong Structuration Theory

Keynote speakers will include:

- [Chris Ford \(Lancaster University, UK\)](#)
- [Elaine Harris \(University of Roehampton, UK\)](#)
- [Robin Holt \(University of Bristol, UK\)](#)
- [Christian Huber \(Copenhagen Business School, Denmark\)](#)
- [Lisa Jack \(University of Portsmouth, UK\)](#)
- [Katy Mason \(Salford Business School, UK\)](#)

Extended abstracts or full papers should be submitted to the [MCA website](#) by **28th February 2026** following the links to Conference 2026 and paper submission. Decisions will be sent out during March 2026. The file name should be in the format: **abstracttheauthorssurname.docx** (or pdf) or **fullpapertheauthorssurname.docx** (or pdf). **30th April 2026** is the deadline for full papers.

Scientific Committee: Giulia Achilli (University of Birmingham), Elena Giovannoni (University of Birmingham), Elaine Harris (University of Roehampton), Melina Manochin (University of Birmingham), Anna Raffoni (Loughborough University) & Elina Varoutsas (Cardiff University)