A-CSEAR 2020 - Call for Papers

“Democratising accounting”

We look forward to welcoming you to the 19th Australasian Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research (A-CSEAR) Conference and Emerging Scholars’ Colloquium to be held at the Wellington School of Business and Government, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. The Emerging Scholars’ Colloquium will be held on 14 December 2020 and the main conference on 15-16 December 2020.

A-CSEAR aims to foster a supportive and inclusive community of emerging and established scholars investigating research on the social and environmental aspects of accounting theory and practice. The annual A-CSEAR conference provides an international forum in which to showcase this work and to foster much needed interdisciplinary research in accounting.

The conference theme for 2020 is “Democratising accounting”. Global initiatives such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are increasingly calling for more participatory forms of governance – at both organisational and institutional levels – to address key challenges such as climate change, financial austerity, rising inequalities and modern slavery. Faced with escalating social and ecological crises, civil society groups also highlight the need for accounts that provide citizens with space to voice concerns, aspirations and demands too often denied by dominant powerholders. Developments such as these generate various de/repoliticising pressures impacting the way organisations, policymakers and civil society actors approach accounting. In particular, they affect what is (in)visible, (un)thinkable, (un)sayable and/or (un)governable.

We encourage a broad interpretation of “Democratising accounting”. This may include topics and themes relating, but not limited, to stakeholder engagement, the politics of value(s) and valuation, alternative and emergent accounts, counter-accounting and social movements, accounting education, the affective dimensions of accounting, barriers and facilitators of democratisation.

We invite paper presentations on any aspect of social and environmental accounting. The deadline for paper submissions is 7 August 2020. Notification about the decision will be made by 30 October 2020. Only full papers will be considered and will be subject to blind peer review.

The Plenary Speakers are: Associate Professor Gordon Boyce, La Trobe University; Associate Professor Nick McGuigan, Monash University; and Professor Helen Tregidga, Royal Holloway, University of London.

Key dates:
Deadline for full paper submissions: 7 August 2020
Notification of decision to authors: 30 October 2020

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