

Academic Symposium 2025



CALL FOR PAPERS



Commercial Resilience: Strategies for Adaptive and Sustainable Performance

Date: 2nd – 4th December 2024

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The Commerce & Contract Management Institute (CCM Institute) invites submissions for the upcoming Academic Symposium, a platform dedicated to exploring the dynamic interplay between contracts and supply chain networks. This event aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry, fostering a collaborative environment where scholars and practitioners can share insights and identify new research opportunities.

Why this title

If we are serious about future growth and success, business models built on short-termism, risk transfer, and low trust contracting must change. They are proving fragile in a world of geopolitical shocks. To survive, supply systems must become adaptive and collaborative. This demands cultural change, a shift to meaningful transparency, and adoption of new commercial models. Commercial resilience isn't a tactic; it's a necessary transformation.

Symposium Themes:

- Contract performance management.
- Adaptability in contracts and beyond.
- Role of AI in enabling resilience.
- Contracting for Public Good.
- Impacts of Geopolitical tension on commercial practice.

Call for Papers, Essays, or Oral-only Presentations

We welcome the latest research insights from around the world and submissions from practitioners working on the ground. The key to this Symposium is to combine valuable expertise from the field and academia, creating an opportunity for those in the public, private and voluntary sectors to share and build on existing knowledge. **Therefore, alongside academic papers, we also encourage input from practitioners in the form of essays or oral presentations without formal writing.**

Please submit a 250-word abstract describing your proposed presentation no later than September 05, 2025, to Ananya Prem Nath at anath@worldcc.com. Accepted abstracts will be made available online to the conference delegates and the authors will be invited to provide a high-level summary of their paper or thoughts on Day One (2nd December) of our Academic Symposium, where presentations will receive feedback.

Selected papers will be considered for inclusion in a special edition published in our prestigious international journal “International Journal of Commerce & Contracting.”

Submission Deadlines for the Symposium

250 WORD ABSTRACTS DUE FRIDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 2025

Abstracts to be sent to Ananya Prem Nath at anath@worldcc.com

Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 30 September 2025

We encourage submissions from:

- Doctoral students
- Young and experienced professionals
- Future procurement & contracting specialists
- Academics
- Applied researchers
- Other stakeholders in the field of contracting and the law

Link: <https://info.worldcc.com/academic-symposium-2025>