

Subject: IST 2019 Best Paper Award Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility requirements:

- Only **full papers** that have been accepted for presentation at the conference can be nominated
- A copy of the paper must be submitted through the [conference management system](#) by June 2nd
- Papers must not be accepted for publication by the time of self-nomination but may be under peer-review
- Papers should not be considered for or have won another award
- Only **one** full paper may be nominated per **lead** author
- The lead author must be an emerging or early career scholar: they must be in the process of completing a PhD or have obtained their doctoral degree within the last 7 years before IST 2019 (i.e., after 22 June 2012)
- A self-nomination must be accompanied by a short **justification** (max. 250 words) explaining why the paper should be considered for the award (see criteria below).

Evaluation criteria:

The award recipient will be determined based on a double-blind review process administered by the local organizers and carried out by the STRN Steering Group and Board as well as volunteers from the IST 2019 Advisory Board. Criteria for consideration include:

- ***Originality/novelty***: innovativeness in theoretical development, methodological development, empirical insight, opening future research avenues, and/or interaction between academia and practice.
- ***Significance of the contribution to the field of sustainability transitions***: theoretical advancement, methodological advancement, and/or impact in policy and practice.
- ***Scientific quality***: strength of the argument or critical analysis, methodological rigor, consistency and coherence, and clarity of writing.

Self-nomination justifications **must** speak to one or more of the above criteria in arguing why the paper should be considered for the award.