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THE MASLOW HOTEL, SANDTON,
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digiTAL 2026 invites educators, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to critically engage with the realities of higher education beyond emergency digitalisation. In the post-digital era—where technology is embedded, unevenly distributed, and socially consequential—the conference foregrounds equity, ethics, and transformation, particularly in Global South and resource-constrained contexts.

The conference provides a space to rethink teaching, assessment, governance, and academic work in ways that prioritise social justice, inclusion, wellbeing, and responsible innovation.

CONFERENCE THEME
THE POST-DIGITAL UNIVERSITY: RETHINKING
PEDAGOGY, POLICY, AND PRACTICE



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Conference Focus

Key areas include (not limited to):

- Post-digital pedagogies in unequal contexts
- Assessment, academic integrity, and generative AI
- Ethical AI, data justice, and algorithmic governance
- Policy, leadership, and institutional transformation
- Equity, inclusion, and social justice
- Student experience, belonging, and wellbeing
- Academic labour, identity, and precarity
- Innovation beyond the LMS
- Decolonial research and Global South knowledge production

Key Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline: 31 March 2026

Abstract Outcome: 30 April 2026

Full Paper Submission: 15 June 2026

Final Papers Due: 25 July 2026

Submission to Springer: 31 July 2026

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It is planned to publish selected peer-reviewed papers as conference proceedings with Springer.

Springer will conduct quality checks (independent of the conference review outcome) on accepted papers, and only those that pass these checks will be published by Springer.

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