

Welcome to the FAcct21 Guide

Welcome to the FAcCT 21 Conference Guide. This handbook to the conference should help provide any additional information about how things are going to go. We have worked hard over the past several months to make a thoughtful equitable and engaging online experience for attendees at FAcCT21 and one of the most important features of that process for us is to create transparent documentation of all of the things that we have planned. We hope that the conference site is easy to navigate but know that there are some things that are best with some extra guidelines.

This handbook also includes information about the processes for session chairs, authors, and volunteers.

Further, we've released this as CCO so it is free for others to use.

Sincerely,

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To get started, if you have not already, see the [Registration](#) site to get access to the full conference experience.

Background

The countdown to ACM FAcCT 2021 has begun! The conference will be held as a completely virtual conference March 4 - 10, 2021. It is our hope that we can invite some of the same curiosity and engaged participation that has defined the previous four years. The conference brings together researchers and practitioners interested in fairness, accountability, and transparency in socio-technical systems. This is our first conference under the new name, and still builds on the success of the 2020 conference held in Barcelona. This year we are featuring 17 Tutorial sessions, 11 CRAFT sessions, 26 Paper-focused sessions, 3 Keynotes and a lot more. It is our hope that, whether you are new or seasoned alumni, you walk away feeling connected and excited about the work happening in this multidisciplinary research community. This Guide contains key dates, information about registration, conference tech set-up, and instructions on how to get support before the event.

Policy Against Harassment

It is extremely important to the FAcCT organizing team that all presenters and attendees have access to a safe conference space in order to participate fully and contribute to this vast interdisciplinary community. We have developed a variety of systems to limit high-level access and reduce harassment during the conference. Still, no security is perfect and we want to respond both proactively and reactively.

To facilitate an environment that promotes respect, shared learning and collaboration, we request that all participants abide by the following guidelines:

Exercise consideration and respect in your speech and actions; Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech; Be mindful of your surroundings and of your fellow participants;

Please review the policy for more details on expected and unacceptable behavior: <https://www.acm.org/about-acm/policy-against-harassment>

Alert community leaders if you notice a dangerous situation, someone in distress, or violations of this policy, even if they seem inconsequential. Any individual who experiences harassment (as described above) at any ACM activity should follow the Procedures for Reporting Unacceptable Behavior.

Welcome authors

Congratulations on your accepted FAcCT paper!

You've already recorded your talk. Your paper will have a page in the conference site and a "topic" in the conference social space. Attendees can view the video in advance on the page, submit a question that will be provided to the session chair, or join the conversation on the social site. You are welcome to engage and interact with questions on your paper's topic, but not required to. A session volunteer will collect unaddressed questions there for your live Q&A.

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Your paper is assigned to a session. There is a session volunteer and a session chair assigned to that session who will facilitate. During your paper's session, participants will watch your prerecorded talk on one of the conference live streams and then the live Q&A session.

For FAccT, we're aiming to build discourse and engagement, so the session chairs have been provided with a moderation guide to facilitate the Q&A sessions more like panels than a traditional Q&A session. We hope this will create more dialogue, encouraging authors to interact dynamically and deeply instead of only a few questions for each paper.

Doctoral Colloquium

Chairs: Ben Green & Peaks Krafft

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Why is the conference not using Gather?



I can't log in to the conference site, who should I contact?

