



TOWARD A SCIENCE OF
CONSCIOUSNESS
2015

CALL FOR PAPERS

University of Helsinki, Finland, 9-13 June 2015
Pre-conference workshops: 8 June 2015
<http://www.helsinki.fi/tsc2015>

Submission deadline: 30 November 2014

Toward a Science of Consciousness (TSC) is the largest and longest-running interdisciplinary conference emphasizing broad and rigorous approaches to the study of conscious awareness. Topical areas include neuroscience, philosophy, psychology, biology, quantum physics, meditation and altered states, machine consciousness, culture and experiential phenomenology. Cutting edge, controversial issues are emphasized. Held annually since 1994, the TSC conferences alternate yearly between Tucson, Arizona and various locations around the world. The University of Helsinki is proud to host TSC 2015 in the Great Hall of its neoclassical main building located in the downtown area.

TSC 2015 Keynote lectures

Jean-Pierre Changeux
David Chalmers

Patricia S. Churchland
Jaakko Hintikka

TSC 2015 Plenary Lectures

Harald Atmanspacher
Deepak Chopra
Philip Goff
John Heil
Steven Jay Lynn
David Papineau
Petra Stoerig

Susan Blackmore
Travis Craddock
Stuart Hameroff
James Ladymann
George Mashour
Antti Revonsuo
Jennifer Windt

Peter Bruza
Rocco Gennaro
Riitta Hari
Ariane Lambert-Mogiliansky
Alyssa Ney
William Seager
Dan Zahavi

TSC 2015 calls for **contributed papers, contributed posters, contributed symposia** and **proposals for pre-conference workshops**. The list of conference topic areas is on the conference webpage: <http://www.helsinki.fi/tsc2015/topics.html>

Contributed papers: Please submit an abstract of 300-500 words prepared for anonymous review. Accepted contributed papers will be allocated in total 25-30 minutes (20 min for the presentation + 5-10 min for the discussion).

Contributed posters: Please submit an abstract of 300-500 words prepared for anonymous review. Accepted contributed posters will be presented in separate poster sessions during the conference.

Contributed symposia: Please submit an abstract of max. 1000-2000 words. The contributed symposia proposals are not reviewed anonymously.

The abstract should include:

- a. a general description of the format and the topic of the proposed symposium and its significance (up to 800 words)
- b. a 300-word abstract of each paper (3-5 papers) and the names of the speakers

Each accepted contributed symposium will be allocated a full two-hour session.

Pre-conference workshops & tutorials: Please submit an abstract of 500-1000 words. Preconference workshop & tutorial proposals are not evaluated anonymously.

The abstract should include:

- a. a general description of the format (a tutorial or something else) and the topic of the proposed workshop/tutorial and its significance
- b. The names of the speakers
- c. the preliminary program of the workshop/tutorial

Pre-conference workshops and tutorials should not be longer than four hours (9 am-1 pm or 2pm-6pm, 8 June 2015). The TSC 2015 organizers will arrange appropriate facilities for the workshops and announce the title, time and place of the workshops on the TSC conference webpage and in the book of abstracts.

Rules for multiple presentations

- ✓ One is allowed to submit only one paper in which one is the main author.
- ✓ One is allowed to submit only one poster in which one is the main author.
- ✓ One is allowed to submit only one contributed symposium proposal or pre-conference workshop/tutorial workshop in which one is the main organizer.

Abstracts should be submitted by using the TSC 2015 registration form: <http://tinyurl.com/TSC2015>. Please note that the abstracts cannot be revised after submitting.

All questions about submissions should be directed to the conference manager, Ms Päivi Seppälä (tsc-2015@helsinki.fi). The members of the programme committee, and the local organising committee are listed here <http://www.helsinki.fi/tsc2015/organizers.html>. The conference is organized in collaboration with the Center for Consciousness Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson: <http://www.consciousness.arizona.edu/>, and with the Department of Cognitive Neuroscience and Philosophy, University of Skövde, Sweden: <http://www.his.se/en/Research/Systems-Biology/Kognitiv-Neurovetenskap-och-Filosofi/>.

Paavo Pyykkänen (chair of the local organizing committee)

Tuomas Tahko (co-chair of the local organizing committee)

Päivi Seppälä (conference manager)

Important dates

30 November, 2014	Deadline for abstract submissions
22 January, 2015	Conference registration opens
30 January, 2015	Notifications of acceptance
February 2015	Preliminary programme announced
31 March, 2015	Deadline for early registrations
19 May, 2015	No more refunds for registration cancellations
8 June, 2015	Pre-conference workshops
9-13 June, 2015	TSC 2015, University of Helsinki