



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The present document contains the GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS that define the requirements for registration and participation in the 2026 ESSE Conference held at the University of Santiago de Compostela (hereafter referred to as 'USC').

By registering for the 2026 ESSE Conference, participants acknowledge that they are of legal age to enter into an agreement and that they have read, understood and agreed to the following GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1.- REGISTRATION

Participants understand that the registration process will close on 15 June 2026. Participants who have not registered by this date will be removed from the Conference Programme.

To qualify for the ESSE member registration fees, participants must have joined or renewed their ESSE membership in 2025. If you are unsure about your membership status, please refer to [ESSE's FAQ](#) about membership.

To qualify for the PhD Student / Unemployed registration fee, participants must attach written proof (e.g., a current student enrollment certificate, a letter from their university confirming their PhD status, an unemployment certificate, or any other official document verifying their status). Participants are responsible for providing adequate documentation to prove their status. Otherwise, their registration will be considered invalid upon review, and they may lose the early-bird discount if the application period for this rate has expired. In such cases, participants will receive a notification via email requesting that they resubmit their registration application.

To qualify for the Doctoral Symposium fee, participants must attach notification of acceptance (emails are valid).

Participants are responsible for the accuracy of the information provided in the registration form.

For queries regarding your registration and payment, please contact the Registration Office at oficinadecongresos@fundacionusc.gal

2.- CANCELLATION POLICY

Any registration for the Conference and/or social activities cancelled on or before 15 June 2026 is eligible for a 50% refund of the Conference registration fees paid and a full refund of the fees paid for social activities. Any registration for the Conference and/or social activities cancelled after 15 June 2026 is not eligible for a refund.

Cancellation notices must be submitted via email to the Registration Office at oficinadecongresos@fundacionusc.gal. Participants will then be informed of the steps to follow in order to obtain a refund, if applicable.

If, in the event of force majeure, the USC cancels the Conference, it undertakes only to refund the registration fees already paid by the participants. All other claims by the participants (e.g., claims for damages arising from the cancellation of the Conference) are expressly excluded. The USC may, at its discretion, cancel the organisation of any social activities scheduled in relation to the Conference, particularly if an insufficient number of participants sign up. In such cases, the USC will refund the fees corresponding to the cancelled social activities.

3.- CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The Organising Committee reserves the right to modify the Conference Programme at any time. Modifications made to the programme and duly notified to participants do not entitle participants to request a reduction of the registration fee or a reimbursement of such fee. Likewise, no refunds will be granted due to the cancellation of speakers, services that do not meet the participant's expectations or any other incidents during the conference that are beyond the control of the Organising Committee.

4.- CODE OF CONDUCT

Participants are expected to maintain a respectful and inclusive environment during the Conference. This includes refraining from discriminatory conduct or disruptive behaviour, particularly any actions that may endanger the safety of other participants or negatively affect the rights and interests of the USC. Participants are required to comply with any instructions issued by the Organising Committee in the context of the Conference.

5.- INSURANCE

The registration fee does not include insurance of any kind. Participants and accompanying persons attend the Conference at their own risk and are responsible for their own personal safety and property during the event. Likewise, participants must ensure that they have adequate insurance cover appropriate to their individual circumstances, including, but not limited to, health and travel insurance, accident insurance, and third-party liability insurance.

6.- DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679, the data collected will be processed by the USC and Conference Office for the purpose of “Management of cultural activities,” which includes the management of conferences and scientific meetings, cultural projects and activities, and the dissemination of such activities through printed publications, websites, radio, television, etc. Unless otherwise required by law, the data will not be transferred. Interested parties may exercise their rights of access, rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, objection, and data portability with the data controller through the USC Electronic Office at

<https://sede.usc.es/sede/publica/catalogo/procedemento/55/ver.htm>.

The data will be kept for the period required to fulfil the purpose for which it was collected, or for the time necessary to comply with legal obligations. Once the purpose has been fulfilled, the data will be blocked until the applicable statute of limitations expires. The USC’s privacy and data protection policy can be found at

<http://www.usc.es/gl/normativa/protecciondatos/politica-privacidad.html>.

By registering for the Conference, participants acknowledge that they may be photographed during their participation and that such photographs may be published on the USC website, social media and advertising materials.

7.- SEVERABILITY

If any provision of these TERMS AND CONDITIONS is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

8.- AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The USC reserves the right to change these TERMS AND CONDITIONS at its discretion. Any material change will be notified to the participants via email or by any other means deemed appropriate by the USC.

9.- JURISDICTION

These TERMS AND CONDITIONS shall be fulfilled in Spain. In the event of any legal claims arising from either party, Spain shall be the sole court of jurisdiction.