

Welcome to ISLE 6 online in Joensuu, Finland
Final Circular
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Dear all,

The program for ISLE 6 is now available on the conference website, in pdf format. Once we publish our Whova platform (on 19 May), you will be able to access the virtual program and build your own schedule! We have a great mixture of live and pre-recorded talks which, we hope, allows you to follow as many of the exciting papers as possible.

Online program

The seven workshops will take place on Wednesday; please see the conference website, and Whova, for the individual programs. The conference talks on Thursday-Saturday are organized into thematic sessions, and the abstracts for each talk will be made available on the conference website and in Whova.

The program follows Finnish Summertime (UTC+3), but please note that Whova can localize the schedule to your own time zone. You can also easily build your own schedule in Whova by adding talks to your own agenda. We hope that the slightly shorter days with a condensed schedule will enable you to continue the day with recorded talks.

The thematic sessions may contain live talks or pre-recorded presentations, depending on authors' wishes. To ensure flow of information, each paper has an individual slot with a Q&A, regardless of their format.

For details on giving a live or a pre-recorded talk, or a poster at ISLE 6, please see <https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/practical/presenting-at-isle-6/>.

Importantly, we ask **all participants to fill in the consent form** to allow us to (i) use your e-mail address to add you on our Whova platform, (ii) record your live talk on Zoom and upload it to Planet eStream to be linked to Whova, and/or (iii) upload your pre-recorded presentation to Planet eStream to be linked to Whova. You can specify the copyright licence to be used when uploading the file to Planet eStream on the consent form. Please fill in the consent form preferably by **17 May**, at <https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/practical/consent-form/>, to give us enough time to process your data. However, the form will remain available after 17 May. Please note that the consent form is also needed from audience members to allow us to add you to Whova.

How to navigate in the online environment

In practice, ISLE 6 takes place in Zoom meetings (regular talks) and large meetings (plenaries and other shared events). The Whova platform enables easy navigation between sessions, and all (live and recorded) talks will be accessed through links available in Whova. Whova can be used on a computer (Web app) or a mobile device (Mobile app) – please see the conference website for details: <https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/practical/whova-and-zoom/>. A Whova user guide is available here: <https://whova.com/pages/whova-app-user-guide/>. At the moment, we are planning to launch our Whova platform on 19 May.

Once you have found an interesting talk in Whova, you can either watch the recording at your own leisure (by clicking on the ‘Recorded video’ link) or enter the Zoom meeting at the given time to follow a live talk or a screencast of a pre-recorded talk. Simply click on the Zoom link and you will be taken to a waiting room – the session helper will let you in once the presenters have tested their equipment. Each session will have help present – you will recognise our helpers from the ISLE 6 background image. The helper will assist the presenters, the chair and the audience, and will also take care of the recording if the authors have given permission. Each session will also have a chair as any traditional conference – they will present the speakers and manage the Q&A turns.

During the Zoom session, the audience can ask questions by using the ‘raise hand’ feature – please wait to be unmuted by the chair – or by typing your question or comment in the chat. At any time during (and also before or after!) the conference, you can use Whova to see questions and comments left for individual talks as well as leave your own. We remind all presenters to check their own session for any questions and comments throughout the conference!

Supporting interaction at ISLE 6

An online conference lacks the physical aspect of being able to meet new and old friends and colleagues – we are doing our best to offer you alternative ways of meeting up with people. During the breaks, you can meet up with the publishers working with us: Bloomsbury Academic, Cambridge University Press and Edinburgh University Press (and also see the conference website for news from John Benjamins Publishing). Alternatively, grab your cup of preferred beverage and enter our Coffee Zoom to see who’s there! Or you can easily set up your own meetings via Whova; either set up a meeting open to anyone interested by entering the *Community > Meet-ups and Virtual meets*, and *Suggest a Meet*, or a private meeting by finding your friend on the *Attendee* list and starting a *Video call* or *Requesting a meet*.

The ISLE 6 team will be happy to assist you with anything – you can reach us via the conference email, via Whova (*Community > Ask Organizers Anything*) or via the Conference Zoom Desk (see conference website/Whova for details).

Finally, we ask all those who have not yet registered to do so: please note that the registration closes on 1 June! If you have a presentation and have not submitted your **final abstract**, please do so as soon as possible! The guidelines are available here: <https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/accepted-papers/>; send

the file (.docx) to the conference email (isle6@uef.fi). Please include a .pdf copy of the abstract if it contains tables, figures or characters that may not print out correctly in .docx format.

Important dates

Formatted abstracts	As soon as possible
Pre-recorded talks	Preferably by 17 May 2021 to maximize visibility in Whova
Consent form	17 May 2021, or as soon as possible after
Registration closes	1 June 2021

Contact details

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at isle6@uef.fi. Visit the website (<https://sites.uef.fi/isle6/>) for more detailed information, and don't forget to follow us on Twitter ([@isle6_uef](https://twitter.com/isle6_uef))!

We look forward to seeing you in virtual Joensuu in just a few weeks!

Mikko Laitinen and the ISLE 6 organising team