



Code of Conduct for Organisers, Members, and Attendees at Society for Musicology in Ireland (SMI) Events

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Introduction

The Society for Musicology in Ireland (SMI) is dedicated to fostering a professional, inclusive, and respectful environment for all attendees during its events. This Code of Conduct is based on key principles that guide the behaviour and responsibilities of those participating in SMI events.

1. Responsibility & Accountability

All organisers and attendees at SMI conferences and associated events, i.e., chairs, speakers, registered conference participants, and guest audience members, are expected to be aware of their ethical, legal, and professional responsibilities within the SMI community.

Organisers and attendees should uphold the reputation and mission of the SMI by avoiding any conduct that might bring the SMI or the field of musicology into disrepute.

2. Integrity & Honesty

Attendees must be honest and accurate in representing their professional affiliations and qualifications.

Attendees should convey research findings and professional conclusions honestly and in alignment with established research integrity principles, including those relating specifically to the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI).

3. Respect and Fairness

The SMI is committed to creating a professional environment in which all organisers and attendees treat each other and the public with dignity and respect.

In line with Ireland's Equal Status Acts, nobody should encounter discrimination on the following grounds: gender, marital status, family status, age, disability, sexual orientation, race, religion, membership of the Traveller community. These and other forms of discrimination, bullying, harassment, or any form of disrespectful behaviour, will not be tolerated.

4. Privacy and Confidentiality

Organisers and attendees must respect individual and collective rights to privacy and maintain confidentiality in compliance with applicable laws (including GDPR) and best academic practices.

5. Conflict of Interest

Organisers and attendees must declare any competing professional, commercial or personal interests that may be relevant to their activities within the SMI.

In cases of conflict of interest, organisers and attendees should inform the SMI Honorary Secretary or member of SMI Council and take appropriate steps to mitigate its effects.

6. Collegiality

Collaboration with external organisations and learned societies is encouraged to advance knowledge and promote best practices. Actions that obstruct collaboration or bring the SMI into disrepute through collaborations may be considered a breach of this code.

Consequences of Violations

Violations of this Code of Conduct will be taken seriously. The SMI reserves the right to take appropriate action, including: warnings, suspension from events, being asked to leave events, suspension of events by organisers and/or chairs, or other measures deemed necessary.

Conclusion

By participating in SMI events, organisers and attendees commit to upholding this Code of Conduct. The SMI values the cooperation and commitment of all participants to create an inclusive and respectful environment for its community.

Appendix

The global disruption of Generative AI has had a profound impact on academia, with integrity emerging as a significant concern. This includes the processes of researching, producing, and presenting work. While recognising the reality of our AI-enabled environments, the SMI remains committed to research integrity and does not support the presentation of undeclared/unacknowledged AI-generated work.