**Special Announcement:**

As previously shared with our community, the University of Warwick and INWES continue to monitor the evolving factors related to the COViD-19 outbreak, particularly with regard to our ICWES18. Among recent developments, travel restrictions and social distancing requirements still seem to be applicable, which has contributed to our decision to **move ICWES18 completely online, on 1-3 September 2021**. We selected these dates (one day less to what originally planned) in response to having to introduce a different programme structure for the event.

We look forward to having you join us for this fully online event, and will be reaching out with complete details (revised registration fees, sponsor packages) and the updated programme shortly.

As we move ICWES18 completely online, we look forward to offering you the same vibrant programming, impactful networking, and opportunities to reflect and connect over the emerging and salient topics in our conference topics. The virtual conference will include our regular offerings and opportunities for engagement, including sessions, workshops and summits, keynotes, and space to connect with sponsors and peers from across the globe. Moving our face-to-face conference to a fully online format presents us with the unique opportunity to spotlight the best of what the online modality affords – meaningful collaboration and the ability to reflect and connect with colleagues around the world. We hope that you will join us for this reimagined event, and celebrate our collective resilience and dedication to forging connections without boundaries.

We look forward to welcoming you to the ICWES18 Virtual Conference in September, and we are here to help you however we can with questions and requests for support.

Please feel free to reach out to us with requests related to ICWES18 at [icwes18@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:icwes18@warwick.ac.uk)