



THREAT 2025 – Call for Papers

Conference Theme:

Cybersecurity Across Cultures: Language, Society, and the Global Threat Landscape

Dates: 4–5 November 2025 | **Location:** Coastlands Umhlanga Hotel, South Africa

Organiser: THREAT Conference Series

Publication: Accepted and presented papers will be invited for submission to a **special issue of the MANCOSA Journal of Management and Administration** after the conference.

1. Scope & Topics

We invite high-quality, original research papers and practice-based studies that address the cultural, linguistic, and societal dimensions of cybersecurity. Topics include (but are not limited to):

- **Cybersecurity in Multilingual Contexts**
 - Threat detection and response in multilingual environments
 - Cross-language phishing and social engineering
 - AI-based multilingual cybersecurity tools
- **Cultural Perspectives in Cybersecurity**
 - Cyber norms and ethics across cultures
 - Cultural factors influencing cyber risk perception and behaviour
 - Cyber diplomacy and international collaboration
- **Global Threat Landscape**
 - Comparative analysis of regional threat vectors
 - Cross-border cybercrime investigation challenges
 - Cybersecurity capacity building in developing economies
- **Technology and Society**
 - The role of AI and automation in culturally diverse security contexts
 - Human factors in cybersecurity training across cultures

- Accessibility and inclusion in security technologies
- **Policy and Governance**
 - International legal frameworks for cybercrime
 - Data privacy regulations: POPIA, GDPR, and beyond
 - National strategies for multilingual/multicultural security

2. Submission Categories

- **Full Research Papers** – empirical or theoretical studies (5,000–7,000 words).
- **Case Studies & Practitioner Reports** – in-depth reports from industry or government (4,000–6,000 words).
- **Short Papers** – preliminary findings or position papers (3,000–4,000 words).

3. Submission & Review Process

The conference uses a **two-stage review model**:

1. **Stage 1 – Preliminary Review (Pre-Conference):**
 - Double-blind peer review to determine suitability for presentation.
 - Accepted papers will be **invited for oral presentation** at THREAT 2025.
2. **Stage 2 – Final Review (Post-Conference):**
 - Authors revise papers based on reviewer and conference feedback.
 - Final manuscripts undergo **double-blind peer review** for journal publication in a special issue.

Please send all paper submissions to the publications Chair, Ass. Prof. Armoogum s.armoogum@uom.ac.mu.

4. Anonymisation Rules

Authors must submit **anonymised manuscripts**:

- Remove all author names, affiliations, and acknowledgements from the manuscript.
- Cite your own previous work in the **third person** (e.g., “Smith (2023) showed...” instead of “In our previous work...”).
- Remove metadata from the document file.
- Supplementary materials that could reveal identity must be anonymised.

5. Ethical Guidelines

- Submissions must be **original and not under review elsewhere** at the time of submission.
- Authors must adhere to **academic integrity** and avoid plagiarism, self-plagiarism, and fabrication of results.
- Studies involving human participants must follow recognised ethical standards (e.g., informed consent, IRB/ethics approval where applicable).
- Any AI-generated content must be transparently disclosed and used in compliance with publisher guidelines.

6. Important Dates

Milestone	Date
CfP Launch	15 Aug 2025
Full Paper Submission Deadline	27 Sep 2025
Preliminary Acceptance Notification	14 Oct 2025
Conference Dates	4–5 Nov 2025
Final Paper Submission for Journal Review	8 Dec 2025
Final Acceptance Notification	22 Dec 2025

7. Publication

All accepted and presented papers will be invited to submit an extended/revised version for **peer-reviewed journal publication** in a special issue. Papers will be selected based on:

- Reviewer recommendations
- Presentation quality
- Contribution to the conference theme

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