Research in Charles Sanders Peirce’s thought has grown rapidly both within and outside the arena of philosophy on the global level. Peirce’s pioneering contributions to philosophy, pragmatism, logic, the theory of signs, philosophy of science and to numerous other fields are currently being explored not only in philosophy but also in other sciences and in art studies.

The Applying Peirce conference, previously held in 2007 and 2014, brings together Peirce scholars and researchers to explore and discuss Peirce’s thought and applications in diverse fields. The third instalment of this conference will take place in Tallinn, Estonia, on 27-29 August 2020. It will be co-located with the 11th International Conference on the Theory and Application of Diagrams, 24-28 August 2020. Participants are invited to submit proposals to both conferences.

The programme is expected to consist of special sessions and a selection of contributed papers. A time slot of about 30-35 minutes (including discussion) will be allotted for each paper.

The organizers invite submissions on any topic in accordance to the theme of the conference. We encourage proposals that explore the applicability of Peirce’s thought to current questions and problems in various disciplines across the sciences and the arts that identify the leading edge on Peirce studies. Suitable topics include, but are not limited to, Peirce in connection to:

- history of science
- mathematics, logic,
- diagrams
- abductive reasoning
- communication and rhetoric
- cognitive and computing sciences
- linguistics, semiotics
- fine arts and design
- physics, biology, geology
- psychology, economics, sociology
To submit an abstract:

Please send an abstract of 300-500 words (in pdf, rtf or doc format) to peirce2020 [at] gmail.com by 15 March 2020.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent by 31 March 2020.

To submit a special session:

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Please describe the theme of the session, its expected size, and if known, the name of (some of) its speakers. A special session typically consists of 3 to 6 talks on a specific theme within the scope of the conference. The organisers of accepted special sessions may issue an independent call for papers to invite further contributions to their session.

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