



PhD Summer School

Sliding Mode Towards a Changing World

Preceding the 18th International Workshop on
Variable Structure Systems (VSS 2026)

Saturday 25th July to Monday 27th July 2026

Venue: University of Exeter



The PhD Summer School **Sliding Mode Towards a Changing World** will be held from Saturday 25th July to Monday 27th July 2026 at the University of Exeter, UK. The event will precede the VSS 2026 conference. The event will be hosted at the University of Exeter, Streatham Campus, at the same location of the VSS conference.

This Summer School focuses on the latest advances in sliding mode control theory, with clear applications to decarbonisation, sustainable energy, and transportation. Participants will learn how established and emerging techniques translate into real-world solutions that enhance performance, improve fault tolerance, enable optimisation, and reduce costs.

Important Dates

- Registration Open: 28 February 2026;
- Registration Close: 01 May 2026
- PhD School Start: Saturday 25th July 2026
- PhD School End: Monday 27th July 2026

Arrangements and Costs:

To participate in the Summer School, you will need to cover the following costs:

- Travel to Exeter
- Registration fee: £180
- Accommodation: At the reduced rate at [Holland Hall](#) on Streatham Campus.

Financial Support Available:

Funding is available to cover travel and accommodation for PhD students residing in one of the countries listed on the [IEEE eMember Countries page](#). Support includes:

- Free registration for the PhD Summer School
- Free accommodation at [Holland Hall](#) for 4 nights (check-in Friday 24 July, check-out Tuesday 28 July)
- Travel support, processed after the attendance of the PhD School.

Eligibility will be assessed.

How to apply to the PhD School and to the Financial Support:

Contact the Organiser: Dr Gianmario Rinaldi at G.Rinaldi3@exeter.ac.uk