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# MANAGING COSTS THROUGH LIFE

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In keeping with the challenges that engineers face to ascertain the Through Life Cost (TLC) of a product/service there is a need to identify modelling approaches from the concept design stage through to re-use/disposal, which designers can use effectively.

To date current research activity in value chains and cost modelling has in general focused on particular phases of the life-cycle and has further tended to be issue specific, for example; a supplier issue, a technical/design issue or cost reduction/optimisation. However, none of these activities and specialisms is mutually exclusive; they all interact and impact on the overall performance of the product/service.

Hence, the goal of this special issue is to bring together the work that is currently being undertaken across the lifecycle phases and emerging research that considers the integrated approaches for lifecycle costing.

The subject coverage of this special issue includes, but is not limited to, areas of application such as; hardware, software, systems engineering that address:

- **Lifecycle cost models**
- **Costing techniques for use at particular life-cycle stages.**
- **Predicting In-Service/Operations and support/utilization and support costs.**
- **Costing for availability.**
- **Costing for capability.**
- **Knowledge representation and knowledge management in terms of TLC**
- **Design for cost**
- **Design for service**
- **Application methodologies and solutions**
- **Industrial case studies**

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**Deadline for submission of manuscripts: 5th March 2010**

**Communication of peer reviews to authors: 31st March 2010**

**Deadline for revised manuscripts: 30th April 2010**



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