Review panel 2021
Helen Huang
Shazia Sadiq
Weifa Liang
Mark Billinghurst
Geoff Webb
John Grundy
Serge Gaspers
Lin Padgham (chaired the process)

This conference was flagged as requiring review and was asked to make
a submission which they did. It publishes about 80 papers with an
acceptance rate in the 20s. The PC median is 12, with 57 of 207 of
the PC being established researchers. This is somewhat weak for an A
conference. 15 of the established researchers published there the last
5 years, but only 4 of these in more than 1 year. Engagement from this
group is considered quite weak for an A conference. This group also
did not show strong publishing in A* venues. Centile citation data
showed that only 1.1% of papers are at the 25th centile for A/A*
papers, with 8.8% at the 50th centile. The h-index centiles are also
well below average for A/A*. The committee acknowledged that it has
(or has had) a specialist focus on trust, but also noted that it
accepts many more general security papers as well. Also the existing
top security conferences do include papers on trust, even if that is
not a major focus. The committee determined that, taking account of
all the above, TRUSTCOM should be reranked as B.

A reconsideration request was received but it did not really contain
any additional data to modify the decision. The submitter has
misunderstood the fact that the PC list was not intended to include
Chairs, whose details are considered separately. Therefore the
recalculated numbers were not relevant and did not change the view
that this conference is not at rank A compared with other A ranked
conferences.