

CALL for PAPERS

for the

18th FIW-Research Conference

International Economics

Vienna, 19th-20th February 2026

Keynote Lecture: Lionel Fontagné (University Paris 1, PSE)

Deadline: 31st October 2025

OUTLINE

The Research Centre International Economics - FIW announces its 18th Research Conference 'International Economics' and invites the submission of (full) working papers to be presented at the conference.

The main objective of the conference is to provide a platform for economists working in the field of 'International Economics' to present recent research.

Papers from Ph.D. students, young faculty members and young researchers in similar positions are particularly welcome as the conference aims to support and encourage young economists by providing an opportunity to present their work to fellow junior economists as well as experienced senior researchers.

The conference also aims at bringing together researchers and policymakers to provide a forum for discussion on how empirical evidence can more effectively inform actual economic policymaking.

TIME & LOCATION

The 18th FIW Research Conference on 'International Economics' will take place on Thursday, **19th February 2026** and Friday, **20th February 2026** at the **Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Vienna)**, Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, Austria.

PAPER SUBMISSION

We invite the submission of (full) working papers on all topics in the field of International Economics.

Please submit your working papers via <https://conference2026.fiw.ac.at> until 31st October 2025.

Selection decisions will be communicated between December 2025 and 15th January 2026.

AWARDS

Two prizes for the best contributions to the Research Conference will be awarded: the **'Best Conference Paper Award 2026'** and the **'Young Economist Award 2026'**. Each award is worth **€ 1000**.

The 'Young Economist Award 2026' is intended for Ph.D. students, young faculty members and young researchers in similar positions. To be considered for this award all authors of the paper have to be 34 or younger at the time of submission.

TOPICS COVERED

The broad topic of the conference is 'International Economics'. This includes, inter alia, International Trade, International Factor Movements, Economic Integration, Effects of international economic activities on climate change, Trade Policy, International Trade Organizations, Economic Growth of Open Economies, Multinational Firms, Global Value Chains, International Macroeconomics and other related fields.

ORGANISATION

The 18th FIW-Research Conference 'International Economics' is organized by FIW with support from the Program Committee and the Austrian Federal Ministries for Women, Science and Research (BMFWF) and Economy, Energy and Tourism (BMWET).

The FIW - Research Centre International Economics (<https://www.fiw.ac.at>) is a cooperation between the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), the University of Vienna, the Johannes Kepler University Linz, the University of Innsbruck, IHS, WIFO and wiiw.

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The conference programme will be published on <https://www.fiw.ac.at> and <https://conference2026.fiw.ac.at>

Attendance at the FIW Research Conference is free of charge. Please note that travel expenses will not be reimbursed. The official language of the conference is English.

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