

Call for Papers

SEA–NOeG Joint Conference 2026

September 11-12, 2026, Central European University, Vienna

“Economy and Democracy”

The annual meeting of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG) 2026 will be held jointly with the annual meeting of the Slovak Economic Association (SEA). Democracies worldwide are confronting pressures that increasingly limit their capacity to deliver accountability, stability, and long-term policy coherence. These conditions have been amplified by major geopolitical shocks and have fueled the rise of populism. Over the last decades, economic research has made fundamental contributions to our understanding of democracy by addressing it as a system of incentives, strategic interaction, and information aggregation. The organizers invite submissions on related topics, as well as from all areas of economics including macroeconomics, economic development and growth, environmental and ecological economics, resource and agriculture economics, labor and demographic economics, microeconomics and industrial organization, urban and regional economics, etc.

Keynote Speakers

Claudia Senik

Sorbonne University, Paris School of Economics

Ruben Enikolopov

Barcelona School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu
Fabra

Submission

We invite full papers or extended abstracts on the conference topic as well as all other fields of economics to be submitted until June 7, 2026, via <https://www.conftool.com/noeg-2026/>. We further invite the submission of organized sessions (four papers related to a common topic) from all fields in economics until June 7, 2026. Notification regarding acceptance will be sent out by July 5, 2026.

Young Economist Award

The Austrian Economic Association and the Slovak Economic Association each offer a prize of EUR 750 for outstanding papers – to be presented at the conference – by economists up to the age of 35 years. For joint papers, this age limit holds for all co-authors. Please indicate your eligibility for the award on the submission website. Each paper can be considered under only one award scheme.

Women in Economics Aperitif

A networking aperitif for female economists at all career stages will take place during the conference. The event aims to provide networking opportunities and a space to discuss additional obstacles underrepresented groups face in the profession.

Registration

Please register for the conference by July 31, 2026 the latest. Registration will be possible from July 1, 2026. The conference fee amounts to EUR 200. There is a reduced conference fee of EUR 120 for NOeG members and EUR 60 for (presenting) PhD students (NOeG membership is EUR 55 per year – see <https://www.noeg.ac.at/membership>). PhD students from Slovakia or PhD students affiliated with Slovak universities may apply for a fee waiver when presenting their work at the conference. The waiver is conditional on acceptance of the paper. Applicants must contact the Slovak Economic Association at sea@slovaekon.sk to confirm their PhD status and justify their request for a fee waiver. Approved applicants will be exempt from the conference fee.

After peer-review, accepted papers may be published in a special conference issue of [Empirica: Journal of European Economics](#) or [Journal of Economics \(Ekonomický časopis\)](#). In case you would like your paper to be considered for the special issues, please indicate this on the submission website.

Please visit the [NOeG 2026 CEU website](#) for further information.