



Call for papers

Workshop on “Uncertainty, Economic Activity, and Policy”

June 19-20, 2026, Warsaw, Poland

The Russia-Ukraine war, renewed trade conflicts involving the United States and other major economies, and the broader trend toward global economic fragmentation have generated persistent spikes in risk and uncertainty. These developments pose major challenges for economists and policymakers. Understanding their consequences for the business cycle and for forecasting key macroeconomic indicators requires frameworks capable of handling geopolitical shocks, supply-chain disruptions, and volatile energy and commodity markets.

Building on the success of the first five conferences, the Network for Economic Uncertainty Research (NEUR) and SGH Warsaw School of Economics will jointly organize a workshop on “*Uncertainty, Economic Activity, and Policy*.” This two-day workshop will bring together researchers and policymakers to present and discuss new approaches to modeling the uncertainty-business cycle relationship and forecasting key macroeconomic indicators in an evolving economic environment.

The conference will take place on June 19-20, 2026 at SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw, Poland.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Efrem Castelnuovo (University of Padova) and Xuguang Simon Sheng (American University)

The conference papers will cover, among others, topics such as various approaches to measuring uncertainty and risk; uncertainty and its global spillovers; conducting monetary and fiscal policy in times of uncertainty; the role of uncertainty in economic forecasting; identification of uncertainty shocks; assessing the effects of uncertainty at the firm and household levels; causal effects of uncertainty on the global economy and financial markets; uncertainty and climate change; trade policy uncertainty and geo-economic fragmentation; inflation uncertainty; forecasting in a changing environment.

The scope of the conference is not limited to the topics listed above and submissions from all areas of uncertainty and risk are welcome.



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IREF SPECIAL ISSUE:

The papers presented at the workshop can be considered for inclusion in the *International Review of Economics & Finance* (IREF) special issue titled “*Uncertainty, Economic Activity, and Policy*”. The papers will be peer reviewed on an expedited basis. The special issue will be edited by Zidong An, Joscha Beckmann, Svetlana Makarova and Karol Szafranek.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE:

Please send full papers as a PDF to uncertainty.warsaw@gmail.com with the subject “**Uncertainty workshop in Warsaw**”. Submitters should indicate whether they want their submission to be considered for inclusion in the IREF special issue. The deadline for paper submissions is **March 31, 2026**. Authors of accepted papers will be informed by April 15, 2026.

EXPENSES:

There is no participation fee. Speakers are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

WEBPAGE:

All information will be available on workshop webpage <https://www.sgh.waw.pl/neur2026>

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