

CALL FOR PAPERS

SIXTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

#CBERCON26 | **November 16–17, 2026**

The School of Economics and Social Sciences (SESS), along with the Department of Economics and the Centre for Business and Economics Research (CBER), opens the call for papers for its Sixth international conference:

Beyond Polycrisis: Pathways Towards a Sustainable Economic Future

The global economy is experiencing a period of profound and sustained turbulence. What were once considered separate shocks—financial instability, pandemics, climate disasters, geopolitical tensions, and rising debt burdens—are now increasingly intertwined. This convergence of pressures, often described as a polycrisis, reflects deep structural shifts rather than temporary disruptions.

This year's conference aims to bring together researchers, policymakers, academics, and practitioners from around the world to examine these challenges and explore innovative policy responses. The conference provides a platform for critical engagement, multidisciplinary dialogue, and the exchange of ideas that contribute to building resilient and sustainable economic futures.

We invite scholars and researchers to submit original research papers, policy-oriented studies, and theoretical contributions that address the conference theme and related sub-themes.

- **Poverty, Inequality, and Social Justice**
- **Energy Transition: Balancing Affordability & Sustainability**
- **Stabilization, Structural Transformation, and Growth**
- **Geopolitics, Emerging Protectionism, and Trade Fragmentation**
- **Demography, Artificial Intelligence, and the Future of Work**
- **Populism, Democratic Institutions, and Political Stability**
- **Climate Change & Economic Vulnerability**

Full papers must be submitted online by **June 30, 2026**, through
<https://ibaapps.iba.edu.pk/sixth-annual-international-conference/>

Abstracts and extended abstracts will not be accepted. Only high-quality papers will be invited for presentation. Limited funding is available for selected authors, with preference given to women scholars. Day-care facilities will be provided on request for women presenters with children up to 5 years of age.

For any queries, please write us at cber-conference@iba.edu.pk