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6th International Women's Day Conference in Economics, Finance and Management (IWD 2026)



| Centre for Economics of Climate Change



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The aim of the conference is to bring together academic researchers to celebrate the International Women's Day by promoting pluralism in economics, finance and management. We invite submissions from all researchers, regardless of their gender, interested in orthodox and heterodox approaches in their fields.

The main focus of the conference is:

- I** Issues of climate change
(green finance, sustainable Finance, sustainable development etc.)
- W** Women's perspectives
(feminist economics, female leadership etc.)
- D** Digital economy
(fintech, financial innovation, policies, information, games industry etc.)

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REDEFINING THE ACADEMIC STAGE: OUR INNOVATIVE FORMATS

For the 6th Edition of the IWD Conference, we are evolving the scholarly forum to foster a more vibrant, interactive community. By moving beyond the traditional lecture format, we aim to transform passive listening into active, multidimensional dialogue through our two signature sessions:

- **Fireside Chats:** Our keynote and main presentations take the form of moderated, curated conversations. By prioritizing direct dialogue over formal presentations, we bridge the gap between speaker and audience. This format centers on storytelling and spontaneous insight, allowing for a deeper exploration of complex themes than a slide deck ever could.
- **Flash Presentations:** To spotlight the next generation of excellence, our young academics will deliver high-energy, high-impact „flash” sessions. These concise presentations challenge speakers to distill their research into its most compelling essence. For the IWD audience, this means a fast-paced, diverse overview of the field’s future, designed to spark immediate curiosity and networking.

These innovations are a hallmark of the 6th IWD Edition—designed to maximize knowledge retention, genuine connection, and inclusive participation across all career stages.



Conference Framework Programme

March 11, 2026 | Networking Day

15:00 – 16:00 **Registration opens**

16.00 **Meet-and-greet and networking session**
(special guests, international and domestic participants)

- Campus tour
 - Meeting with students
 - Filming for a promotional video
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Conference Framework Programme

March 12, 2026 | First Day of Proceedings

10:00 – 10:15 Official Opening Ceremony

10:15 – 11:45 **Plenary Session I – Fireside Chat (on-site + online)**

Link: <https://meet.google.com/vhd-ojhy-jop>

Keynote: Lefteris Topaloglou (University of Western Macedonia, Greece)

Women's Employment and Entrepreneurship in Just Transition Territories - lessons learned from Just Femme project

Keynote: Nargiz Hajiyeva (Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC), Azerbaijan)

Exploring the Practices and Challenges of Women Entrepreneurs: the perspective of Women Researchers Council (WRC)

11:45 – 12:15 **Special Session: Meet the editors**

12:15 – 12:45 **Coffee Break and Networking**

12:45 – 14:15 **Parallel Sessions – Block I (on-site track with live streaming)**

Session A: Feminist Economics, Gender, Well-Being | Link: <https://meet.google.com/cfg-znmv-fcn>

Session B: Gender, family, and labor market | Link: <https://meet.google.com/vhd-ojhy-jop>

Session C: Digital Economy | Link: <https://meet.google.com/kgy-zeuv-jcc>

14:15 – 15:15 **Lunch break**

15:15 – 16:30 **Parallel Sessions – Block II (on-site track with live streaming)**

Session A: Climate and innovation | Link: <https://meet.google.com/vhd-ojhy-jop>

Session B: Kobiety, dzieci i... | Link: <https://meet.google.com/cfg-znmv-fcn>

Session C: International economy | Link: <https://meet.google.com/kgy-zeuv-jcc>

16:30 – 17:45 **Plenary Session II – Fireside Chat (on-site + online)**

Keynote: Julia M. Ptaschunder (International University of Monaco) - remote

Digitalisation and climate change - the perspective of behavioural economics

17:45 – 18:00 **Best Paper Award Ceremony**



Conference Framework Programme

March 13, 2026 | Second Day of Proceedings

10:00 – 11:15 **Parallel Sessions – Block III (on-site track with live streaming)**

Session A: Climate finance and sustainability | Link: <https://meet.google.com/vhd-ojhy-jop>

Session B: Women and global development | Link: <https://meet.google.com/cfg-znmv-fcn>

11:15 – 11:45 **Coffee Break and Networking**

11:45 – 13:30 **Plenary Session III – Fireside Chat (on-site + online)**

Link: <https://meet.google.com/vhd-ojhy-jop>

Keynote: Jake Murdoch & Sandra Fontanaud (Université de Picardie Jules Verne, France)

Between de-industrialization and the promise of re-industrialization:

What role for the ecological/green transition? The experience of Northern France

Keynote: Don Pagach (North Carolina State University, USA)

The challenge of managing climate change risk: insights from ERM initiative

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30 – 16:15 **Parallel Sessions – Block IV: Flash Presentations (hybrid)**

Session A: Flash Presentations | Link: <https://meet.google.com/vhd-ojhy-jop>

Session B: Flash Presentations | Link: <https://meet.google.com/cfg-znmv-fcn>

Session C: Flash Presentations | Link: <https://meet.google.com/kgj-zeuv-jcc>

16:30 – 17:15 **Plenary Session V – Fireside Chat (on-site + online)**

Link: <https://meet.google.com/vhd-ojhy-jop>

Keynote: Grzegorz Mardyla (Kindai University, Japan)

Constrained Preferences: Behavioral Economics of Japan's Female Labor Issues

17:15 – 17:30 **Closing of the second day of the conference**



Conference Framework Programme

March 14, 2026 | Experience Exchange Platform

11:00 – 11:45 **Workshop Session**

Prof. Artur Strzelecki, Ph.D., University of Economics in Katowice:
Workshop: AI-driven scientific literature search and use

11:45 – 12:15 **Coffee Break and Networking**

12:15 – 14:00 **Networking Discussion with Special Guests**

How can academic conferences better support scientific, networking, skills, and social outcomes?

14:30 **Conference summary and closing**

[Check detailed programme at:
https://cecc.ue.katowice.pl/6th-iwd/](https://cecc.ue.katowice.pl/6th-iwd/)



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