

XXIV AISSEC Scientific Conference

Economic Development in the Era of Geopolitical Fragmentation

Marche Polytechnic University, Ancona, Italy

8-9 June 2026

Call for Papers

After decades of deepening global integration, the world economy is now shifting toward growing geopolitical fragmentation. This fragmentation is inherently multifaceted, manifesting in disruptions to political alignments, trade, finance, scientific cooperation, and mobility, among other domains. Amid these shifts, Artificial Intelligence has emerged as a critical frontier for both economic development and strategic competition.

This conference invites scholars and practitioners to explore the intersection of these structural transformations and the role of transformative technologies in shaping an increasingly multipolar world, while maintaining a focus on the core challenges of economic development. We welcome the submission of theoretical and empirical contributions addressing (but not limited to) the following topics:

- Innovation
- Productivity
- Trade/value chains
- Migration
- Digitalization
- Artificial intelligence
- Climate change
- Military conflicts
- Socioeconomic inequality
- Demographic transition
- Social norms and values
- Institutions

A comparative perspective is expected to enrich the debate and has traditionally been favored by the organizers.

Keynote Speakers:

- Mariapia Mendola (University of Milano Bicocca)
- Klaus Prettner (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

The working language of the conference is **English**.

Young researchers and PhD students are encouraged to apply and will be able to benefit from lower fees.

Fees (including biennial membership and social dinner)

	Early bird registration	Late bird registration
Regular	200	230
PhD and Postdoc	150	180

Participation in the Conference is subject to fee payment and online registration through the [Conference webpage](#).

Young Economist Award

Prominent papers can be nominated for the Young Economist Award in memory of Francesco Pastore. Details are available at: <https://new.aissec.org/awards/>

Important Dates

- Papers/Extended abstracts (about 500 words) should be submitted by ~~12th April~~ **24th April** through the [Conference webpage](#). Notification of acceptance will be sent via email by ~~15th April~~ **27th April**.
- Organized session proposals (3-4 papers) can be sent by email to aissec.org@gmail.com, providing
 - i) a title of the session and each single paper;
 - ii) contributors' names and affiliations;
 - iii) a brief abstract of each paper.The timing for submission and notification of acceptance is the same as for single papers.
- Early bird registration: **30th April**.
- Late bird registration: **15th May**.

Scientific and Organizing Committee

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Conference venue

Marche Polytechnic University, Department of Economics and Social Sciences

Piazzale Martelli 8, 60121 Ancona

Social activities

At the end of the first day of the Conference, participants are invited to the social dinner.

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