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**20th World Economy Research Institute
Annual Conference on Innovation and Competitiveness
„Reconfiguring Global Value Chains for Competitive Edge in Europe and Beyond”**

Call for Papers

The **World Economy Research Institute (WERI) at SGH Warsaw School of Economics** invites researchers, scholars, and practitioners to submit extended abstracts for the **20th International Scientific Conference**, scheduled for October 23-24, 2025. This special **anniversary edition** commemorates the **40th anniversary of the World Economy Research Institute** and focuses on the critical theme of **global value chains** and their impact on international competitiveness.

Conference Theme

The 20th World Economy Research Institute Annual Conference on Innovation and Competitiveness **“Reconfiguring Global Value Chains for Competitive Edge in Europe and Beyond”** explores the challenges and opportunities arising from evolving global trade and investment patterns. Particular emphasis will be placed on the interplay between global value chains, innovation, and economic policies, focusing on both short- and long-term implications for competitiveness.

There will also be a special conference session on “International Competitiveness of the Middle East and North Africa and Central and Eastern Europe”, featuring the presentation of the results of the research conducted under the NAWA-financed project “Academic Partnership for the Study of the Middle East and North Africa in Central and Eastern Europe” (CEEMEA).

Topics of Interest

We welcome high-quality, original submissions related to, but not limited to, the following topics:

- The role of global value chains in shaping international competitiveness.
- Foreign direct investments (FDI) and their contribution to global and regional trade dynamics.
- Determinants of trade competitiveness and the critical role of value-added trade in enhancing global market positioning.
- The relationship between innovation and internationalization of economies.
- Technology transfer, trade cooperation, and their influence on competitive positioning.

- Comparative studies on the competitiveness of the EU and emerging markets.
- The implications of international trade and migration on economic growth and competitiveness.
- Policy recommendations for enhancing competitiveness through international collaboration.

Submission Guidelines

Authors are invited to submit **extended abstracts** of up to 4000 characters, including spaces, clearly outlining the research objectives, methodology, key findings, and implications. Submissions must be in **English** and made through the [submission form](#). Please specify the conference track when submitting your study by selecting one of the following: student, Ph.D. student, or researcher with at least a Ph.D.

- **Abstract submission deadline:** April 28, 2025
- **Notification of acceptance:** May 12, 2025
- **Full paper submission:** September 12, 2025

Submitted full papers will be considered for the **Best Paper Award**. Selected papers may be recommended for publication in the **Journal of the Knowledge Economy**. Please note that the journal will manage the submission process directly, and all papers will undergo a rigorous peer review.

Conference Fee

The Conference is free of charge.

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We look forward to receiving your submissions and welcoming you to this special anniversary edition of our conference!

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