

International Multidisciplinary Scientific Conference “Institutions, Governance, and Sustainable Economic Transformation” IGSET 2026

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Venue: Central University of Europe, Kutaisi, Georgia

Organizer: Central University of Europe (Kutaisi)

About the Conference

The International Scientific Conference IGSET 2026 is dedicated to the comprehensive examination of institutional and governance factors in the process of economic transformation in transition and developing economies. The conference brings together scholars from multiple disciplines-including economics, political science, law, sociology, and public administration-to discuss contemporary challenges and mechanisms of sustainable development.

The primary objective of the conference is to foster the advancement of scientific research. It aims to provide a platform for scholars, academic staff, experienced and early-career researchers, including doctoral candidates, operating at both national and international levels, to present their research to a broad audience. The conference further seeks to promote the exchange of knowledge, research findings, and professional experience. It offers a multidisciplinary forum for researchers and practitioners to present and discuss recent innovations, emerging trends, existing challenges, as well as practical issues and policy responses.

Thematic Areas

The conference welcomes submissions in the following areas:

- Institutional change and comparative institutional analysis
- Political economy of reforms and structural transformation
- Quality of governance, state capacity, and regulatory systems
- Macroeconomic policy under institutional constraints
- Law, regulation, and economic development
- Sustainable and “green” transformation in developing economies
- Development economics
- Comparative political economy
- Finance and financial systems in institutional and regulatory contexts

- Management and organizational governance in transition economies
- Marketing, market institutions, and consumer behavior
- Tourism development, tourism policy, and sustainable tourism governance
- Education policy, human capital development, and skills formation in the context of institutional and economic transformation
- Sectoral economics, sectoral policy, and structural change in the context of institutional and economic transformation
- Agricultural Economics, Agrarian Policy, and Rural Development in the Context of Institutional and Economic Transformation
- Quantitative and qualitative research methods for studying transition economies
- Multidisciplinary approaches to the study of institutions and governance

Participation Format

Participation in the conference is primarily in-person. International participants may, if they wish, attend remotely.

Working Languages

- Georgian
- English

Conference Regulations

- Presentation: 12–15 minutes
- Discussion: 8–10 minutes

Participation Fee

Participation in the conference is free of charge. Participants are responsible for covering their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Publication Opportunities

Prior to the conference, a printed program including a book of abstracts will be published. Conference presentations will be made available electronically on the official website of the Central University of Europe and in its institutional repository. Each paper will be assigned a unique DOI identifier.

Selected papers in English will be recommended for publication in:

- A special issue of an international scientific journal (subject to successful completion of the peer-review process)

- The peer-reviewed conference proceedings

Important Dates

- Submission of papers: no later than September 20
- Notification of acceptance/rejection: no later than October 1

Submission Guidelines

- Submissions must be relevant to the conference themes.
- Papers must not have been previously published or submitted to another conference.
- The number of co-authors must not exceed three (including the author).
- Only submissions by individuals holding an academic degree or by doctoral candidates are accepted. Papers authored (including co-authored) by master's students or undergraduate students are not eligible.
- Each participant may submit only one paper (including co-authorship).

Authors are required to prepare their papers in accordance with a designated template. The template must be downloaded in Word format from the official conference website, completed in full compliance with the prescribed structure, and submitted via email. The submitted paper must strictly adhere to the template; any modification to its format, sections, or structure is not permitted.

Papers must be submitted within the specified deadlines to the email address of the Research Institute of Economics at the Central University of Europe: rie@cue.edu.ge

Citation Style

References must follow the APA citation style guidelines. For further details, see: <https://apastyle.apa.org/>

Anti-Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Authors are responsible for ensuring accurate and proper citation of all sources used in their work. All submitted papers will be screened using specialized plagiarism detection software.

Any matches identified by the software will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Chair of the Scientific Committee (and, if necessary, in consultation with the committee). If the similarity index exceeds the acceptable threshold, the author will be notified, and the paper will not be accepted for the conference.

If plagiarism is identified in a published paper by a third party, the claimant is entitled to обратиться to the Scientific or Organizing Committee and request an investigation, including submission of evidence from plagiarism detection software. In the event that plagiarism is confirmed, an official notice will be issued.

Paper Acceptance/Rejection Procedure

Acceptance of a paper for presentation at the conference is conditional upon successful completion of a double-blind peer review process. Reviewers for each submission are selected by the Chair of the Scientific Committee in consultation with committee members. Reviewers are scholars affiliated with various universities whose academic expertise and research profiles align with the subject matter of the submitted paper. A paper is accepted on the basis of two positive reviews.

Following submission within the specified deadlines, papers undergo an initial screening to verify compliance with technical requirements and relevance to the conference themes. Submissions that do not meet these criteria are not considered further, and authors are notified accordingly.

The next stage involves plagiarism screening by specialized software. In cases where plagiarism is detected, the submission is rejected, and the author is informed.

Upon successful completion of the preliminary stages, reviewers are assigned and the paper is forwarded for evaluation. Based on the reviewers' reports, the Scientific Committee makes one of the following decisions and notifies the author:

- Acceptance of the paper;
- Rejection of the paper;
- Request for revisions.

If revisions are requested, the author is provided with comments and a specified period to resubmit a revised version of the paper. Failure to resubmit within the given timeframe results in automatic rejection. Upon resubmission, the Scientific Committee reassesses the paper to determine whether the comments have been adequately addressed and makes a final decision regarding acceptance or rejection.

The maximum evaluation score is 100 points. A review is considered positive if the paper receives at least 60 points, based on the following criteria (each criterion carries a maximum of 20 points, with a minimum threshold of 10 points per criterion): relevance of the topic; consistency of conclusions with research objectives; degree of scientific novelty; theoretical, applied, and practical significance of the research; structure of the text and adherence to academic citation standards.

Communication with Author(s)

All communication with the author(s) will be conducted via the email address provided at submission.

The submission date is defined as the timestamp of the email sent by the author. A notification is considered duly delivered at the moment it is sent from the official email address of the conference organizers, regardless of other circumstances.

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Submission of a paper to the conference constitutes acceptance of all the above terms and conditions.

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