



BARCELONA SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS SUMMER FORUM 2026 CALL FOR PAPERS

The Barcelona School of Economics (BSE) organizes the Thirteenth BSE Summer Forum. The Summer Forum is a series of independent workshops that cover the main fields of Economics. The Summer Forum 2026 will take place from June 2 to June 19, 2026. The venue will be [Casa Convalescència](#) in central Barcelona.

More detailed information on the Summer Forum 2026 and the previous editions is available on <https://bse.eu/summer-forum>

We would like to invite you to submit a paper to the workshop:

GEOGRAPHY, TRADE, AND GROWTH

The workshop will run for two full days and will take place on **June 9-10, 2026**, in Barcelona.

This workshop is focused on the interplay between economic geography, trade in products and production factors, and their relationship to economic growth. We encourage submissions of theoretical and empirical papers addressing issues including:

- The causes and consequences of the spatial distribution of economic activity.
- The evolution of economic geography in response to globalization.
- The interaction between trade, geography, and growth.
- The effect of technological change and trade on the global organization of production.
- The political economy of trade, growth, and spatial misallocation.

The workshop is proposed as a continuation of the workshop organized under [the same title](#) in 2017-25, which counted with the participation of prominent scholars from all around the world, including Laura Alfaro (Harvard), Donald Davis (Columbia), Rebecca Diamond (Harvard), Teresa Fort (Dartmouth), Edward Glaeser (Harvard), Gene Grossman (Princeton), Jessie Handbury (Penn), Beata Javorcik (Oxford), Kalina Manova (UCL), Marc Melitz (Harvard), Diego Puga (CEMFI), Stephen Redding (Stanford), Esteban Rossi-Hansberg (Chicago) and Jesse Rothstein (Berkeley), among others.

The deadline for submissions is **February 28, 2026**. To submit a paper, please use this link <https://app-summerforum.bse.eu/>. Submissions should include either a full paper or an extended abstract with the main results. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified approximately by the end of March. A preliminary program will be announced by the end of April. Final programs will be on the web by the end of May.



Please note that the BSE Summer Forum is a series of independent workshops. When you submit your paper, you will be able to see the topics and dates of all workshops that will take place within the Summer Forum. You can submit as many papers as you wish to any workshop, but **the same paper cannot be submitted to more than one workshop.**

There is no registration fee, and meals during the workshop will be provided for participants. The workshop organization **will not be able** to provide accommodation or travel support for speakers.

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