



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:

POLITICAL ECONOMY

The workshop will run for 2 days and will take place on **June 4-5, 2026**, in Barcelona.

This workshop is focused on the causes and effects of political institutions, and the behavior of voters and politicians facing different constraints, incentives, and information. We encourage submissions of theoretical and empirical papers from economics and political science addressing questions, including:

- How do political institutions promote or hinder economic development?
- Why do particular sets of political institutions emerge and persist?
- How do transparency and accountability affect politicians' incentives?
- How do voters react to information, and to what effect?
- What is the impact of different electoral systems on policy choices?

The workshop is proposed as a continuation of the workshop organized under the same title in 2021-2025 and of the two workshops on Political Institutions and on the Economic Analysis of Electoral Politics organized within the Summer Forum in 2013-2019. Earlier editions counted with the participation of prominent scholars from all around the world, including Robin Burgess (LSE), Katherine Casey (Stanford), Allan Drazen (Maryland), Oeindrila Dube (Chicago), Patricia Funk (USI), Matthew Gentzkow (Stanford), Gene Grossman (Princeton), Benjamin Olken (MIT), Rohini Pande (Harvard), Imran Rasul (UCL), Mark Rosenzweig (Yale), Kenneth Scheve (Stanford), James Snyder (Harvard) and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya (PSE), among others.

The workshop will run for two days and feature about fourteen papers. Each presentation will last for an hour, including comments from the audience. Participants are welcome to stay for other workshops that will take place during the Summer Forum.



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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