CALL FOR PAPERS

Global Transformations of Labour

38th Annual EAEPE Conference 2026 in Lausanne (Switzerland), September 9–11, 2026

The theme "Global Transformations of Labour" addresses pressing concerns surrounding the profound changes currently reshaping work worldwide. From the disruptive impact of automation and artificial intelligence to the challenges of democratic participation in economic life, social-ecological transitions, and geopolitical tensions labour is at the heart of global transformations. This year's conference organizers invite submissions that explore theoretical, historical, empirical, and policy-oriented perspectives on global transformations of labour, especially regarding the following sub-themes:

- Automation, AI, digital platforms, and new forms of labour organization
- Firms and their interaction with labour processes, participation and democratisation
- Just social-ecological transition and workers
- Inequalities, standards and industrial action in the labour market
- Wars, military-industrial complexes, and their impact on global labour and value chains
- Any other topics addressing global transformations of labour

The conference also welcomes papers beyond the main theme, provided they fall within one of the EAEPE Research Areas (RA) or are part of a Special Session sponsored by the society.

Keynote speakers

Sara Lafuente

European Trade Union Institute

Workers' Participation
and Democracy at Work

Vili Lehdonvirta

Aalto University

Digital Platforms, Data Infrastructures,
AI, and Workers

Local Organisers

François Allisson & Maria Bach (Centre Walras Pareto), Mathilde de Aragao &
Jean-Christophe Graz (Centre d'histoire internationale et d'études politiques de la mondialisation)
Institute of Political Studies, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lausanne

Venue

Université de Lausanne, Switzerland

Pre-Conference

There will be a pre-conference for young scholars on September 8.
Further information will follow.

Abstract and Special Session Submission

Please submit a Special Session proposal no later than **January 12, 2026**, or an abstract of an individual paper not later than **March 1, 2026**. All proposals must be submitted through the conference website.

Abstracts for individual papers (250-500 words) should include the following information: authors' names, email addresses and, affiliations, and name and code of the relevant RA. Following notification of acceptance, you will be invited to submit the full paper. Please note that only one presentation per author is permitted; additional papers can be submitted by the same author but will need to be presented by a registered co-author, if accepted by the scientific committee.

Proposals for a Special Session should include the following information: Title of the proposed Special Session, Organizers of special session, number of guest speakers, expected number of participants, special session scope (max 400 words) and scientific relevance (max 300 words)

Special Session proposals are eligible for funding if submitted by Research Area Coordinators and involve at least two different research areas (but preferably three) with all related coordinators. Each research area cannot be involved in more than one funding request. The evaluation depends on the scientific relevance, capacity to attract interest and new submissions for REPE, and capacity to mobilize resources if funding is required.

Important dates

Special session proposal deadline: 12 January 2026	Abstract submission to special session opens: 1 February 2026	Abstract submission deadline for individual papers: 1 March 2026
Notification of acceptance: 31 March 2026	Early registration closes: 15 May 2026	Late registration closes: 15 June 2026

For more information and abstract submission, please visit https://eaepe.org/