

CALL FOR PAPERS

Forging the Future. *Politics, Economics, and Society in Global Public Policy*

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Location: Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, South Campus, Industrial Park, Suzhou, China.

In an era marked by profound and rapid transformation, the international community is witnessing the emergence of new cross-border dynamics in areas such as security and cooperation, knowledge and technology transfer, and green and sustainable development. These developments highlight the pressing need to enhance the inclusivity, effectiveness, and legitimacy of global policy mechanisms.

This conference brings together scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to explore how global public policy can tackle unprecedented challenges that transcend national borders and defy unilateral solutions. We aim to foster a multidisciplinary understanding of global policymaking to shape a more equitable and effective international framework.

This Call for Papers invites original contributions that examine the political, economic, and social dimensions of providing global public goods while addressing global policy issues from diverse perspectives such as political science, political economy, economics, sociology, and related fields.

We welcome submissions on the following topics, including but not limited to:

Topic 1: Global Policy for International Relations, Cooperation and Security – Examining political frameworks that foster international cooperation and stability, with a focus on global public goods such as security, non-proliferation, and multilateral approaches to conflict resolution.

Topic 2: Global Policy for Open and Shared Development – Discussing economic policies that promote equitable growth and openness through mechanisms such as technology transfer, knowledge sharing, fair trade, and inclusive financial systems.

Topic 3: Global Policy for Social and Environmental Sustainability – Exploring social and collaborative pathways toward a sustainable global future, addressing challenges such as poverty reduction, climate change mitigation, and resilient development.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please submit an abstract (no longer than 500 words) or full paper as a PDF via email to: InternationalStudies@xjtlu.edu.cn. The first page of the submitted material must contain:

- Names of authors with e-mails and affiliations
- Title of paper
- Relevant conference topic (please indicate 1, 2, or 3)

The language of the conference is English. Selected high-quality papers will be considered for publication in a special issue/section on Global Public Policy in an international academic journal, with selected contributions also featured in an edited volume.

BEST PAPER AWARD FOR EARLY-CAREER SCHOLARS

The conference will present a Best Paper Award, accompanied by a prize of CNY 2,500. Eligibility is limited to current PG and PhD students and those who have completed their PhD within the past three years.

TRAVEL AND HOTEL

The conference will provide full coverage of accommodation and travel expenses for invited speakers only. All other speakers will be responsible for their own expenses.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Participants wishing to present a paper must register and pay the submission fee by 10 April 2026. The payment link will be activated on 15 March 2026.

- Regular Participants (Assistant, Associate, and Full Professors with an academic affiliation, Policymakers, and Practitioners): CNY 500 (approx. EUR 64)
- The conference is free for currently enrolled PG and PhD students, and Postdocs.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Extended abstract deadline: March 1, 2026
- Notification of acceptance: March 15, 2026
- Registration deadline: April 10, 2026
- Full paper submission deadline: May 4, 2026
- Conference date: May 15, 2026

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