



19th Annual Conference of Knowledge Forum

Theme: Innovation and Economy

Dates: October 29 to 31, 2026

Hosted by: Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras



Call for Papers

Under the overall theme of “Innovation and Economy” papers are invited relating to the following topics. Technology dimension will be common to all the topics and therefore is not mentioned separately.

AI, Robotics and Employment
Climate Change
Corporate Social Responsibility
Creative Industries
Econophysics
Energy Transition & Net Zero Emission
FDI and Trade
Frugal, Grassroot and Open Innovations
Gig Economy
Public Policy towards Innovation
Space Economy
Sustainability



Last date for submission of title
of papers and abstracts:

May 31, 2026

Last date for full paper submission:

July 31, 2026

Send the abstracts and paper to:

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The conference will have an introductory session followed by Competitive Sessions. In the competitive sessions all the papers will be refereed before accepted for presentations. Case Studies from Technologists on any of the sub-themes of the Conference would also be considered for presentation.

About IIT Madras

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About Knowledge Forum

The Forum for Global Knowledge Sharing (Knowledge Forum) is an interdisciplinary platform focusing on the interface of science, technology, and economics. Established on August 25, 2005, and housed at the Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi, it connects scholars from various institutions and countries to exchange research and collaborate on technology creation, transfer, and global business issues. Addressing the gap between economists and technologists, the Forum fosters interdisciplinary dialogue through annual conferences featuring high-quality research presentations. Membership is open to scholars publishing in refereed journals. Corporate members include Global Development Network, The Hindu, Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, and EID Parry India Ltd.

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