

Call for Papers

Trade, value chains and financial linkages in the global economy

Rome, October 29-30, 2026

Submission Deadline: September 11, 2026

The Bank of Italy and the European Central Bank are organizing the fifth edition of the conference “Trade, value chains, and financial linkages in the global economy”. The aim is to bring together leading scholars from academia and policy institutions to discuss recent developments in international trade, global production networks, financial linkages and their macroeconomic implications.

Date and location: The conference will take place in person at Banca d'Italia in **Rome** on **October 29 and 30, 2026**.

Keynote speakers: **Felix Tintelnot** (Duke University) and **Paola Conconi** (University of Oxford).

Submissions: we invite empirical, methodological and theoretical contributions, with emphasis on the following policy-relevant topics:

- **Trade and industrial policies and their effects** (e.g. tariffs and NTMs, industrial policies, export controls, firms' strategic responses, price pass-through and demand elasticities).
- **Global production networks and critical supplies** (e.g. GVC reconfiguration, firm-to-firm linkages, MNEs, critical materials, chokepoints and ports, firms' resilience and competitive strategies).
- **Trade finance and other trade-financial linkages** (e.g. trade and supply-chain finance, cross-border payments, capital flows and FDI).
- **Digital trade, services, data and AI** (e.g. international data flows, data governance, services tradability, AI-related trade and measurement issues).
- **Global imbalances: causes and effects** (e.g. current accounts, external positions, exchange rates and non-market policies).

Papers examining recent trade-policy shifts, geopolitical disruptions to major trade routes and energy markets, and the implications of artificial intelligence for goods and services trade are especially welcome.

Only completed papers submitted to trade.workshop@bancaditalia.it by the deadline of **September 11, 2026**, will be considered. Acceptance decisions will be notified no later than **September 21, 2026**. A limited number of travel or accommodation grants may be available; priority will be given to early-career researchers.

Scientific committee:

Maria Grazia Attinasi (European Central Bank), Alessandro Borin (Banca d'Italia), Claire Giordano (Banca d'Italia), Michele Mancini (Banca d'Italia) and Daria Taglioni (The World Bank).

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