

# Warsaw Innovation and Regional Economics Conference

University of Warsaw, 22 May 2026

*Faculty of Economic Sciences, Dhuga st. 44/50, Warsaw*

## **9:45 Conference Opening (Room B)**

## **10:00-11:00 Plenary Session I (Room B)**

### **Cher Li**

Aston University

*From Participation to Power: The Impact of Technology Standards Development on Global Production Networks*

### **Aleksandra Parteka**

University of Gdańsk

*Artificial Intelligence and Income Growth Divide: Evidence from Global Regional Data*

## **11:00-11:15 Coffee Break**

## **11:15-13:00 Parallel Sessions**

### **Session 1B (Room B)**

#### **Mauricio Perez-Alanis**

University of Limerick

*The Liability of Rurality and the Effectiveness of R&D Grants: Evidence from Firms' Constraints to Innovation*

#### **Marzenna Weresa**

SGH Warsaw School of Economics

*When Public Funding Works: Additionality Pathways to Innovation Performance in European SMEs*

#### **Magdolna Sass**

Hungarian Academy of Sciences

*Innovation Heterogeneity among Hungarian SMEs: Divergent Learning Paths, Network Embeddedness and Regional Constraints*

#### **Mansour Esmail Zaei**

University of Warsaw

*Are Patents Fundamentally Different? A Machine Learning-Based Predictive Analysis of Sectoral Differences in Pharmaceutical Patenting*

#### **Emanuele Bazzichi**

IMT School of Advanced Studies Lucca

*Bridging Distant Ideas: The Impact of AI on Knowledge Recombination*

## **Session 1C (Room C)**

**Anna Golejewska**

University of Gdańsk

*Digital Transformation and Public Value: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Polish Cities*

**Kristof Gyodi**

University of Warsaw

*Development of Smart Cities in Poland: Neural Topic Modeling and Econometric Insights from Municipal Investments*

**Katarzyna Kopczewska, Monika Kot, Maria Kubara, Martin Andersson**

University of Warsaw

*LIRI (Local Industrial Resilience Index): Regional Resilience through Resilient Neighbourhoods Measured on Grid-Level Data*

**Simona Ciappei**

Politecnico di Milano

*Urban Gravity and Platform Work*

**Annamaria Giuffrida**

Universitas Mercatorum (and University of Warsaw)

*The Geography of Innovation in Italy: A Data-Driven Cluster Approach*

**13:00-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00-15:00 Keynote Speech (Room B)**

**Slavo Radošević, University College London**

*EU Single Market Embracing Industrial Policy: Paradigm Shift and Challenges*

**15:00-15:15 Coffee Break**

**15:30-17:15 Parallel Sessions**

**Session 2B (Room B)**

**Elżbieta Wojnicka-Sycz**

University of Gdańsk

*The Green Network Strategy as a Way of Operating for European Service Companies*

**Kinga Tchórzewska**

Koźmiński University

*Modulation of Environmental Subsidies under Energy-Efficient Institutional Push*

**Oskar Kowalewski**

CIESEG School of Management, Univ. Lille

*Carbon Emissions and Green Innovation in Family Firms*

**Martina Ayoub**

University of Edinburgh Business School, UK

*Power, Actors and Architecture: Unpacking How Sustainability Transitions Reconfigure Global Production Networks and Their Power Dynamics*

**Andrea Enrico Vurro**

Universitas Mercatorum

*Spatial Heterogeneity of Success in Network Alliances Drivers*

**Session 2C (Room C)**

**Adriana Zablocka-Abi Yaghi**

University of Gdańsk

*Product Innovation in Family Firms: Evidence from Polish Enterprises*

**Igor Niemczyk**

Gdańsk University of Technology

*Robot Adoption and Regional Employment: The Role of Wage Coordination*

**Monika Piosik**

University of Warsaw

*The Impact of the Polish Tax Allowance for Research and Development on the Financial Gap Faced by Enterprises*

**Andrea Szalavetz**

Hungarian Academy of Sciences

*Corporate Venture Capital and the Exploratory Innovation Paradox*

**17:15-17:30 Coffee Break**

**17:30-18:30 Plenary Session II (Room B)**

**Tomasz Mickiewicz**

Aston University

*The role of local social capital and public support in KIBS firm creation*

**Karolina Safarzyńska**

University of Warsaw

*The Evolution of Tasks, Automation, and Carbon Dioxide Emissions*