



III NORDIC-IBERIAN DOCTORAL WORKSHOP ON BUSINESS ECONOMICS

CALL FOR PAPERS
SUBMIT BY JANUARY 31ST 2026

We invite **PhD Students, and Young Scholars** to join us at the Nordic-Iberian Doctoral Workshop on Business Economics, where rigorous academic feedback meets the spirit of cross-border collaboration. Join us in sunny Spain for two engaging yet relaxed days dedicated to advancing your research, building your network, and extending professional friendships.

We invite **PhD Students and Young Scholars** (who graduated in or after 2020) to submit papers to the Doctoral Workshop in Business Economics. The workshop aims to foster dialogue among scholars studying firm behavior, markets, and institutions using diverse theoretical and methodological approaches – both quantitative and qualitative.

Please refer to the submission guidelines on the next page, and examples of areas of the submissions on the third page.



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University of
Zaragoza

21st – 22nd May 2026

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We strongly encourage the submission of a full manuscript for the most comprehensive review and feedback. However, we also welcome an extended abstract of strictly no more than 2000 words (references excluded). Both single and co-authored papers are welcome.

The extended abstract should provide a clear summary of the paper's contribution, methodology, data (in case of an empirical section), and main findings/results. Abstracts can contain figures and tables within the 2000-word limit.

Please ensure your submission consists of two separate PDF files: a title page with all authors' information, and an anonymized extended abstract or an anonymized full manuscript for evaluation by the Scientific Committee.

Please, submit in pdf format by using this form: **Submission Form**. The workshop features two session types designed to support different stages of research. In addition to the traditional Paper Presentation session, with a full-length discussion, there will be a Research Circle format specially designed for earlier-stage ideas, and extended abstracts looking for constructive suggestions to develop and improve their research. This session focuses on gathering diverse feedback quickly and includes a dedicated networking coffee break immediately afterward to facilitate more in-depth feedback.

The deadline for submission is January 31st 2026, by 11:59 pm UTC+1 (no extensions provided). We kindly ask each applicant to submit only one application under their name. If the same author submits multiple papers, only the earliest application will be evaluated. Submissions will be selected based on a review by the Scientific Committee, and applicants will be notified of the application outcome **by e-mail at the beginning of March 2026**.

Please note that presenters are expected to serve as discussants for a colleague's paper within their field of research.

The Workshop starts on Thursday morning, May 21st, and runs until late afternoon on Friday, 22nd. The days will feature a keynote speech by Professor Andrés Almazán, a roundtable session, paper presentations, and Research Circle sessions. A gala dinner will take place on the evening of May 21, with optional social activities planned for both evenings. The detailed program will be confirmed closer to the event.

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WE WELCOME SUBMISSIONS IN (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Corporate Finance and Governance

- Capital structure, payout policy, and investment decisions
- Mergers, acquisitions, and corporate restructuring
- Managerial behavior, incentives, and CEO characteristics
- Corporate governance, ownership, and shareholder engagement
- ESG integration, sustainability, and responsible corporate policies

Strategy, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship

- Strategic decision-making and corporate diversification
- Innovation management and financing of R&D
- Venture capital, private equity, and startup ecosystems
- Corporate entrepreneurship and organizational renewal
- Resource allocation and dynamic capabilities

Financial Markets and Intermediation

- Asset pricing, risk factors, and market efficiency
- Banking, credit markets, and financial regulation
- FinTech, digital assets, and decentralized finance (DeFi)
- Market microstructure, liquidity, and trading mechanisms
- Financial stability and systemic risk

Organizational Behavior and Leadership

- Executive and managerial cognition
- Leadership styles and organizational culture
- Diversity, inclusion, and top management team dynamics
- Decision-making under uncertainty and bounded rationality

International Business and Global Strategy

- Cross-border M&A and global expansion strategies
- Institutional contexts and international governance
- Multinational firm organization and risk management
- Global value chains and sustainability challenges

Sustainability, Purpose, and Stakeholder Engagement

- Corporate purpose and long-term value creation
- ESG strategy and stakeholder relations
- Social responsibility, legitimacy, and impact assessment

Behavioral and Managerial Economics

- Behavioral foundations of firm and market outcomes
- Incentives, motivation, and performance measurement
- Experimental and quasi-experimental studies in management and finance

Qualitative and Process-Based Research in Management

- Case-based and inductive studies of strategic change
- Executive sensemaking and decision processes
- Organizational identity, culture, and narrative approaches
- Fieldwork and interpretive studies in corporate and entrepreneurial contexts

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