

3rd Essex PhD Conference in Applied Economics - Call for papers

The University of Essex is hosting the **third edition of the Essex PhD Conference in Applied Economics** on **20th and 21st March 2025**. The event will be held **in person** at the Colchester campus of the university. The conference is organised by the PhD students at the [University of Essex Economics Department](#) and the [Institute for Social and Economic Research \(ISER\)](#).

The two-day event is designed to provide PhD students in Applied Economics with the opportunity to come together and connect with PhD candidates from institutions across the globe, and a supportive environment to present their work and ideas before their peers so that they may receive valuable feedback. We are also very pleased to be hosting [Imran Rasul \(UCL\)](#) and [Ben Etheridge \(University of Essex\)](#) as keynote speakers at the conference.

The conference is open to PhD students at all stages of study, as well as to early career researchers who have completed their PhD in the academic year 2023-24. The conference program will include 20-minute ‘full presentations’ followed by a discussion and Q&A session (10 minutes), as well as shorter ‘flash presentation’ sessions (approx. 5 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions) for students to showcase in-progress work and ideas. Poster presentations are available but optional. Submissions are welcome from **all areas of Applied Economics**.

All submissions will be reviewed by a scientific committee composed of faculty members from the University of Essex, Economics Department.

Details of the application process are given below. Interested applicants can [apply here](#). Additional information about the conference are available on [our website](#).

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Applicants are invited to submit an extended abstract of no more than two pages (not including references), with at least one-inch (2.5 cm) margins and font size 12pt. One additional page may be included for figures and tables. The abstract must clearly outline the following:

1. Background and motivation
2. Questions and objective
3. Data and methods
4. Key results
5. Research significance and contribution

Submissions must be named as ***LastName_FirstName***. Only one submission is allowed per applicant; if multiple submissions are made, only the earliest one will be considered for evaluation by the scientific committee.

Please ensure the abstract does not contain your name, contact details, institution, or any other identifying information. Failure to comply with these instructions will automatically lead to the exclusion of the paper from the evaluation process.

The conference will have two kinds of presentation sessions:

- A 20-minute talk followed by a 5-minute discussion led by another conference speaker and a further 5 minute Q&A session with the audience.
- A “flash presentation”, with 5-minute talks and a 5 minute Q&A session with the audience.

Please specify whether you would like your submission to be considered for the 20-minute presentation session, for the flash presentation or for both. We will always prioritise allocating a slot in the presentation session if both options are selected.

Alongside presenting their own work, the conference will also offer participants the opportunity to act as discussants for other presenters in their session, according to their field of research. Discussants will be sent the paper they shall be discussing two weeks prior to the conference and shall have to prepare 3-4 slides to lead a five-minute discussion before the audience Q&A session begins.

Please indicate in the application form whether you are interested in serving as a discussant.

The deadline for submissions is 3rd January 2025 at 11:59 PM (GMT), but we encourage you to submit early. Applicants will be notified of decisions by mid-January 2025. [Submit application here.](#)

For any concerns or queries regarding the application process, please get in touch with us at econ-phdconference@essex.ac.uk.

Conference Organising Team, 2025

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