

2026 SMU-JINAN CONFERENCE ON URBAN AND REGIONAL ECONOMICS joint with 11th WB-GWU URBANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SINGAPORE, 14, 15 & 16 DECEMBER 2026

Dear Colleagues:

The **2026 SMU-Jinan Conference on Urban and Regional Economics** will take place on **December 14, 15 & 16, 2026** for **three full days** at [Singapore Management University \(SMU\)](https://www.smu.edu.sg). It is organized by the School of Economics at SMU in partnership with Jinan University, joint with the **11th World Bank-George Washington University's Urbanization and Development Conference**. The objective is to gather world-leading experts to share the latest knowledge and research in urban and regional economics.

We now invite submission of high-quality papers in Urban and Regional Economics, which includes (but is not limited to) the Economics of Cities, Housing, Real Estate, Local Public Good Provision, Transportation, and the Distribution of Economic Activity in Space. Given this year's focus, priorities will be given to papers focusing on urbanization and economic development in the developing world as well as studies that are particularly relevant for developed Asia or developing Asia. However, papers on other topics or regions are more than welcome.

Note that travel expenses and registration fees will be covered for a few selected younger scholars who are still doing their PhD or have completed their PhD less than two years ago.

In-Person Keynote Speakers

Thomas CHANEY (University of Southern California)
Melanie MORTEN (Stanford University)
Paul NOVOSAD (Dartmouth College)
Steve REDDING (Stanford University)

Important Dates

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| Submission Deadline | September 4, 2026 |
| Notification of Acceptance | September 18, 2026 |
| Registration Deadline | October 15, 2026 |

Submission

All papers should be submitted via this [form](#) (PDF Format).
Extended abstract is acceptable, but priority will be given to submission of full papers.

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