

EAEPE Conference Lausanne 2026

Call for papers Research area I Comparative political economy

Comparative political economy and global labour transformations

In the last 15 years, both developed and emerging economies have been profoundly transformed by the 2008 global financial crisis, the sovereign debt crisis and Brexit in the case of EU countries, the covid pandemic, and by global changes such as digitalisation, the stepping up of climate policies, reforms in welfare state regimes, shifts in relations between global North and global South countries, etc. The labour market in particular has experienced structural changes with migration flows, the expansion of platform work and AI driven restructuring, the rise of precarious employment and new forms of worker mobilisations.

This year's call for papers for research area I welcomes contributions on the evolving political economies of developed and emerging economies and the ongoing transformations of labour. Contributors may explore questions such as: what are the contemporary evolutions of power relations between capital, labour and the state? How do transformations of labour intersect with institutional change in the political economy of domestic economies, with inequality, with development strategies and global economic integration? We particularly encourage comparative analyses.

We seek contributions on the following topics:

- Varieties of capitalism and institutional change: reconfigurations of growth models, with a particular focus on the role of the evolutions of labour markets
- Labour market transformations: new forms of work (digitalisation, remote work, AI, sectoral transformations) and changes in worker mobilisations (industrial relations, collective bargaining...)
- Migrations: shift in migration patterns, migration policies and labour market segmentation, link with the macro growth regimes
- Policy discussion: alternatives to existing policies at domestic or regional (ex. European) level

Contributions on the broad theme of the comparative political economy of developed and emerging economies are also welcomed.

Please submit maximum one-page abstracts via the EAEPE website indicating author(s), affiliation, topic, research question, method(s) and expected results.

Important dates:

- Abstract submission deadline: March 1st 2026
- Notification of acceptance: March 31st 2026
- Conference dates: September 9-11 2026

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