

**Multidisciplinary International Scientific Conference:
Sustainable Development, Institutions, and Global Challenges (SDIGC-25)**

Date and Venue:

November 8, 2025, Kutaisi, Georgia

Participation Format:

The conference will be held in-person. Only international participants will be allowed to join remotely upon request.

Organizer:

Central European University (Kutaisi)

Co-organizers:

European University (Tbilisi),

Akaki Tsereteli State University (Kutaisi)

Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University,

Samtskhe-Javakheti State University (Akhaltzikhe),

Gori State University

Conference Program: (To be uploaded at a later date)

The aim of the Multidisciplinary International Scientific Conference is to promote the advancement of scientific research activities. The conference serves as a platform for scholars, academic staff, experienced and early-career researchers—including doctoral candidates—active at both local and international levels to present their research work to a broad audience. It encourages the exchange and dissemination of scholarly experiences and research findings. The conference offers a multidisciplinary forum for researchers and practitioners to present and discuss recent innovations, prevailing trends, pressing issues, and practical challenges along with their proposed solutions.

Working Languages of the Conference: Georgian and English.

Important Dates:

- **Submission Deadline:** No later than **September 20, 2025**
- **Notification of Acceptance/Rejection:** No later than **October 20, 2025**
- **Conference Date:** **November 8, 2025**

Conference Format:

- **Presentation Duration:** 12–15 minutes
- **Discussion/Q&A:** 8–10 minutes

Participation Fee:

Participation in the conference is **free of charge**. However, participants are responsible for covering their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Publication and Certification:

- The conference program will be published in printed format prior to the event.
- Conference proceedings will be published electronically on the **Central European University** website and archived in its **institutional repository**. Each publication will be assigned a unique **DOI (Digital Object Identifier)**.
- **Certificates of participation** will be issued **on-site only** and exclusively to attendees present at the conference.

Guidelines for Presentation Submission

- Submissions must align with the **conference themes**.
- Papers must be **original** and **unpublished**, and must not have been presented at other conferences.
- The number of co-authors must not exceed **three** (including the primary author).
- Only submissions by individuals holding an **academic degree** or **doctoral candidates** will be considered. Submissions by master's students or undergraduate students—including as co-authors—will not be accepted.
- Each participant may **submit only one paper**, whether as sole author or co-author.

For publications in English

- Title of the paper
- Author(s): Full name(s)
- Academic degree
- Academic position
- Contact information (phone number and email address)

Abstract: Up to **400 words**, reflecting the main content and principal scientific contributions of the paper.

Keywords: Up to **five keywords** in English.

JEL Classification Codes: Please refer to: <https://www.aeaweb.org/jel/guide/jel.php>

Full Paper: Must not exceed **9,000 words** and should include: Introduction (presenting the relevance of the topic); Main body; Conclusion

References: Must be provided **in English**. For non-English sources, indicate the original language of the publication in parentheses.

Technical Specifications for All Submissions

- Format: **Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx)**
- Paper size: **A4, no page numbering**
- Margins: **2 cm on all sides**
- Font: **Sylfaen or Times New Roman**
- Font size: **11 pt**
- Title: **12 pt, bold, centered**
- Line spacing: **1.15**
- Figures, diagrams, illustrations, tables, photos: Should be embedded below the relevant text or on the following page; Must have continuous numbering; Captions should appear below, centered, with brief explanation or source if needed; Minimum resolution: 150 dpi

Citation Guidelines: Use the **APA citation style** For reference, see: <https://apastyle.apa.org/>

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Authors are required to ensure the accurate and proper citation of all sources used in their work. All submitted papers will be checked using specialized plagiarism detection software. Any similarities identified by the system will be individually evaluated by the Chair of the Scientific Committee, in consultation with committee members if necessary, to determine their legitimacy. If the level of detected similarity exceeds the system's established threshold, the author will be notified of the plagiarism issue, and the paper will not be accepted for the conference.

In the event that plagiarism is discovered by a third party after the paper has been published, the individual who identifies the issue may submit a request for investigation to the Scientific or

Organizing Committee. The request must include documentation from the plagiarism detection software showing the overlap. If plagiarism is confirmed, an official statement regarding the incident will be published.

Paper Review and Acceptance Procedure

To be accepted for presentation at the conference, each submission must undergo a double-blind peer review process. Reviewers are selected by the Chair of the Scientific Committee in consultation with its members. Reviewers are scholars affiliated with various universities whose academic qualifications and research expertise are aligned with the subject matter of the submitted paper. A paper will be accepted only if it receives two positive reviews.

Once the paper is submitted within the specified deadline, the following steps are undertaken:

1. Technical Review – The submission is evaluated for compliance with the formatting guidelines and thematic relevance to the conference. Submissions that do not meet these criteria are rejected at this stage, and the author is notified.
2. Plagiarism Screening – Papers passing the technical review are checked using plagiarism detection software. Papers with confirmed plagiarism are immediately disqualified, and the author is informed.
3. Peer Review – If the paper passes both the technical review and plagiarism check, it is sent to selected reviewers for evaluation.

Following the peer review, the Scientific Committee will make one of the following decisions and notify the author accordingly:

- Acceptance for presentation
- Rejection of the paper
- Conditional acceptance with required revisions

If revisions are required, the author will be notified and granted time to resubmit a revised version addressing the reviewers' comments. Failure to submit the revised version within the allotted time will result in automatic rejection. Upon resubmission, the Scientific Committee will re-evaluate whether the feedback has been adequately addressed and issue a final decision.

Papers are scored on a 100-point scale, with a minimum of 60 points required for a positive review. The evaluation is based on the following criteria (each worth up to 20 points): Relevance of the topic; Alignment of conclusions with objectives and research questions; Level of scientific novelty; Theoretical, applied, and practical significance of the research; Structure of the text and adherence to academic citation standards

Paper Submission

Submissions must be sent within the specified deadlines to the following email address of the Central European University's Institute for Economic Research: rie@cue.edu.ge

Upon receiving a notification of acceptance, the presenter will be considered officially registered for the conference.

Author Communication

Communication with the author(s) will be carried out via the email address provided at the time of submission. In the case of multiple authors, communication will be directed to the first (primary) author listed.

The official submission date of the paper is recorded as the timestamp of the email sent from the author's address.

A submission is considered officially received once the organizing committee sends a confirmation email, regardless of any other circumstances.

Open Science Policy

Central University of Europe is committed to promoting the principles of open science, including open access to research data, scholarly publications, and research methods, as well as the use of open-source tools, standards, and interfaces in research processes. The university employs open publishing tools to enhance the visibility and impact of research, development, and innovation. All research data, scientific publications, presentations, and methodologies presented within the framework of the conference will be made publicly and openly accessible.

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Submission of a presentation to the conference constitutes agreement to all of the above terms.

Other Considerations

Central University of Europe places strong emphasis on the ethical standards of research. A dedicated document outlines ethical principles for research in the social sciences, aligned with relevant legal norms, European legislation, international conventions, and declarations. These guidelines uphold the ethical spirit, principles, and standards adopted by the European Research Area.

The university also treats the principle of equality as a fundamental dimension of academic quality in teaching and research. A Gender Equality Strategy and Action Plan is in place to support institutional and cultural integration of gender equity principles across teaching, research, and university governance. The plan aligns with the European Commission's Gender Equality Strategy and incorporates key principles and recommendations of the European Research Area, considering the specific challenges of achieving gender equality in administrative, educational, research, and innovation contexts.

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