

CALL FOR PAPERS

Asian Economic Development (AED) Conference 2026

The 15th Annual International Conference on Asian Economic Development

Faculty of Economics, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

Wednesday 23 September 2026

Theme: Navigating Shocks and Uncertainty: Development Challenges and Resilience in Asia

The Faculty of Economics, Chiang Mai University, is pleased to announce the Call for Papers for AED 2026, the 15th Annual International Conference on Asian Economic Development.

Recent years have witnessed increasing economic, health, environmental, and geopolitical shocks that have reshaped development trajectories across Asia and other developing regions. These challenges raise important questions regarding how households, communities, firms, and policymakers respond and adapt to uncertainty, and how resilience can be strengthened in the face of future disruptions.

AED 2026 aims to bring together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss emerging evidence and policy insights on development challenges and responses to shocks and uncertainty. The conference welcomes both theoretical and empirical contributions from a broad range of fields in economics and related disciplines.

Special TVSEP Session:

AED 2026 will feature a dedicated TVSEP Session for researchers using the Thailand-Vietnam Socio Economic Panel (TVSEP) data, as well as studies employing longitudinal household datasets and related research on household resilience, vulnerability, and rural development.

We particularly welcome studies utilizing TVSEP data to examine household adaptation, risk management, welfare dynamics, health outcomes, migration, agricultural transformation, financial inclusion, poverty dynamics, and long-term development outcomes. Researchers affiliated with TVSEP and scholars working on related topics are especially encouraged to submit their work.

Topics of Interest:

We welcome theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented contributions related to economic development, resilience, and adaptation in the face of economic, health, environmental, and geopolitical shocks. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Household responses to economic, health, environmental, and geopolitical shocks
- Poverty, inequality, vulnerability, and social protection
- Health economics, health policy, and ageing
- Human capital, education, and labor market outcomes
- Agriculture, food security, and rural development
- Climate change adaptation and environmental sustainability
- Finance, Trade, globalization, and geopolitical risks

- US-China economic relations and regional economic integration
- Foreign direct investment and global value chains
- Firms, innovation, entrepreneurship, and digital transformation
- Structural transformation and economic development
- Governance, institutions, and public policy under uncertainty
- Development issues in Southeast Asia and other developing regions
- Research using TVSEP and other longitudinal household datasets

Submission Guidelines:

Authors are invited to submit an extended abstract or full paper for consideration via <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=aed2026> Accepted papers will be assigned to oral presentation sessions.

Important Dates:

Abstract/Paper Submission Deadline: 23 August 2026

Notification of Acceptance: 1 September 2026

Conference Date: 23 September 2026

Invited Speakers:

The conference will feature distinguished invited speakers from leading universities and research institutions working in development economics, health economics, rural development, and international economic relations. To this date, the confirmed invited speakers include:

- Professor Peter Warr, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University (ANU), Australia
- Dr Akshar Saxena, Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore

More confirmed listed speakers will be announced through the conference website.

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