
NETWORK OF INDUSTRIAL ECONOMISTS

EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS SYMPOSIUM & ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 25–26, 2026

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS - UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD - THE WAVE

The University of Sheffield's School of Economics is pleased to invite you to the PhD Symposium in Industrial Economics and to the Network of Industrial Economists (NIE) conference.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite submissions of extended abstracts in theoretical and empirical industrial economics for the 2026 NIE ECR Symposium in Industrial Economics, to be held on **Thursday, June 25 2026** at **the University of Sheffield, School of Economics, The Wave**.

The Symposium brings together *early career economists* (PhD students and researchers who have completed their PhD in the past 5 years) to foster discussion and dissemination of research in all areas of industrial economics. A number of external academics will join our internal faculty members, acting as discussants and providing high quality feedback. The extended abstracts submitted for the symposium can be finished papers, thesis chapters, or working papers. Financial assistance towards UK travel and accommodation may be available for presenters. **Extended abstracts must be submitted by 15th May via the [NIE 2026 conference page](#)**.

The Symposium is generously sponsored by **Charles River Associates**, the global consulting firm whose representatives will attend the symposium and deliver a keynote presentation at the conference. They will award a prize for the best paper of the symposium.

The NIE conference on **Friday, June 26, 2026** will also feature presentations by leading in industrial economists, academic and practitioners.

ABOUT NIE

The Network of Industrial Economists is the oldest UK network for academic economists and practitioners with interests in industrial economics and policy. Having been established in the 1970s it has evolved as a forum for discussion about academic research but also for interactions between members from academia, business, consultancy and government agencies. In recent years the network has supported the organisation of two annual conferences: a conference for established researchers and the NIE early career researchers' symposium.

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee and participants can choose to register for only one or both of these events: [Register Here](#). Further details of both events are available on the [NIE 2026 conference page](#).

Important Dates

- Registration open week commencing: **April 28, 2026**
- Deadline for submitting extended abstracts to the Symposium: **May 15, 2026**
- Acceptance decisions: **June 1, 2026**
- PhD Symposium in Industrial Economics: **June 25, 2026**
- NIE Annual Conference: **June 26, 2026**

Local hosts

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