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# 2026 Real Estate and Urban Economics Conference

## Call for papers

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The Faculty of Economics at Università della Svizzera italiana ([www.usi.ch](http://www.usi.ch)) and the Swiss Finance Institute ([www.sfi.ch](http://www.sfi.ch)) are pleased to invite submissions to the **2026 Real Estate and Urban Economics Conference**, to be held in **Lugano, Switzerland**, on **September 23–24, 2026**.

The conference aims to foster the exchange of ideas on recent research in real estate finance and urban economics. To facilitate meaningful interaction, we kindly ask participants to attend the conference for its entire duration.

We welcome theoretical and empirical contributions from all areas of real estate economics, real estate finance, regional economics, and urban economics. A special session will be dedicated to PhD student submissions.

**Keynote speaker:**

Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh (Columbia University)

**Schedule:**

Start: Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 9:00 am

End: Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 12:00 pm

**Venue:**

Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland

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**Submission details:**

Submit your paper here. Each author may submit multiple papers, but only one paper per author can be accepted for presentation. Previously published or accepted papers are not eligible. The submission deadline is June 15, 2026, at 3:00 pm (CET). Acceptance notifications will be sent by July 7, 2026. Applications from advanced PhD students are especially encouraged. No submission fee is required.

**Reimbursement policy:**

Accommodation for up to two nights will be provided for presenters and discussants, and their travel expenses will be reimbursed subject to available funding and up to the limits specified in the CEPR Travel Guidelines. If you can contribute to your attendance costs using your research funds, this would allow us to allocate resources to other participants. Please indicate in your application whether, if your paper is selected, you will be able to cover your own travel costs or whether you will require funding from the organizers.

**Contact information:**

Further information is available on the conference website.

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