



CALL FOR PAPERS

8th EBRD and CEPR Research Symposium

“The Frontiers of Finance in Emerging Markets”

23-24 June 2026, EBRD London

Submission deadline: 27 March 2026

You are invited to submit a paper to the 8th EBRD-CEPR Research Symposium on the Frontiers of Finance in Emerging Markets. The symposium will provide a platform for researchers and policy makers to discuss new research findings and to identify areas where further academic and policy-oriented work is needed. Papers are invited on the following, non-exhaustive, list of topics:

- Private equity, private debt, venture capital, venture debt, micro-equity, microcredit
- Fintech, AI, and alternative screening methods in low-data environments
- Climate, nature, and biodiversity finance
- Distributional impacts of access to finance
- Development of local currency markets and the reduction of FX risks
- Blending finance and other public policies for private finance
- State-owned banks vs private banks in emerging markets
- Political connections, credit allocation, and distortions
- Regulatory capacity and supervisory technology (SupTech/RegTech)
- Financial literacy and trust in financial institutions
- Access to finance and export participation/global value chains
- Financing intangible capital and innovation in EM firms

The symposium will feature a Keynote Address by **Simon Quinn (Imperial College London)**.

Accommodation expenses will be covered for speakers and discussants. Travel expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with CEPR's expense [guidelines](#). To submit a paper (full papers only), please send an email to Lucie Newman at newman@ebrd.com.

The conference will be held at the EBRD, 5 Bank St, London, E14 4BG, UK. The programme starts on Tuesday noon (June 23rd) and ends on Wednesday afternoon (June 24th). An invitation-only conference dinner will be held on Tuesday evening.

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