

International Conference on AI and the Digital Economy

CADE 2026

Finance, Digital Identity, Healthcare, Supply Chain, and AgriTech

15th – 17th June 2026, Venice, Italy (Blended Format)



Call for Papers

CADE 2026 marks the 12th edition of our annual conference series, dedicated to exploring the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Digital Economy. We welcome submissions and participation from academics, practitioners, and policymakers.

To support discussion and development of ideas and networks, we encourage submissions that consider social science, technical, and policy issues.

Submissions can be extended abstracts (2 pages) or full papers (6 pages). These should be prepared using the IET template and have the following format: Purpose, Theoretical Background (where appropriate), Findings, Discussion, Managerial Implications (if applicable) and Limitations.

The primary themes for this year's conference focus on the integration of AI in the following sectors: **Finance, Digital Identity, Healthcare, Supply Chain** and **AgriTech**. While we encourage submissions that align with these themes, we welcome contributions exploring other relevant areas such as digital economy, information systems, computer science, cyber security, economics and finance, operations and supply chain management, healthcare and biomedical informatics, and marketing.

We would particularly like to encourage submissions from scholars in the wider community, including anthropologists, sociologists, data scientists, and those from design disciplines interested in the digital economy. We do not require empirical work and welcome abstracts exploring conceptual ideas, and we are actively seeking work in the developmental stages of research.

The conference proceedings will be **published by the IET** and **will be available through the IET Digital Library and IEEE Xplore**. The proceedings will be indexed through the major databases.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Agentic, Multi-Agent & Autonomous Systems
- AI Assurance, Testing, and Evaluation Frameworks, AI Safety, Security, and Red Teaming, Causality, Inference, and Explainability
- Privacy-Enhancing & Secure Machine Learning
- Cyber Defence & Forensics for AI Systems
- AI Infrastructure Bottlenecks: Energy, Compute & Supply Chains
- Designing Robust, Interoperable & Sustainable Systems Infrastructure
- Distributed, Federated & On-Device Learning
- Digital Platforms, Ecosystems, Market Dynamics & Supply Chains
- AI Governance, Global Policy/Standards & Fairness/Bias
- Global AI Regulation, Policy, Standards, and Compliance Frameworks (e.g., EU AI Act, ISO/IEC 42001, NIST AI RMF)
- Societal, Cross-Cultural & Economic Impacts of AI & Emerging technologies
- Financial Economics Foundations for the Digital Economy
- Specialised Financial Instruments & Blended Finance for Digital & Supply-Chain Assets
- Smart Data Pathways-as-Portfolios
- Digital Economy Frameworks: Data Valuation Models
- Digital Public Infrastructure Finance & Risk

Please submit your submission through the CADE Submission Portal:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/wmg/news-and-events/events/wmgevents/cade2026/submission/>

Contact: cade@warwick.ac.uk

Website: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/wmg/news-and-events/events/wmgevents/cade2026/>

Conference Venue

Fondazione Ugo e Olga Levi, San Vidal 2894, 30124, Venezia, Italy

<https://www.fondazionelevi.it/servizi/foresteria-levi/>

Conference Format

The conference will have a blended format, with participants being able to present and attend in-person or virtually. The programme will be designed around a number of general sessions and track-specific sessions. Each session will last up to two hours, with three papers per session and a closing Q&A with the authors.

Presentations are synchronous. Authors are expected to submit their slides one week in advance of the conference to allow for their upload prior to the conference. Presentations are to be 15 minutes long, with all participants from each session joining in a Q&A at the end of the session. We intend to identify themes among the submissions and group them into specific sessions to foster discussion from across the presentations during the Q&A.

Submission Instructions

CADE 2026 offers two submission cycles to provide flexibility for authors at different stages of their research. Papers accepted in either cycle will be presented at the conference and included in the published proceedings. **Authors may submit their work to only one cycle**; submissions of the same or substantially similar papers to both cycles will be desk-rejected. Both cycles follow the same review standards and confer equal eligibility for publication and presentation at the conference.

Important Dates

Submission Cycle 1:

- Submission deadline: **30 January 2026 at 23:59** AoE (Anywhere on Earth)
- Participants notified of review outcome: **16 March 2026**
- Participants required to submit mandatory changes/camera-ready copy: **06 April 2026**
- Participants notified of the final decision (acceptance/rejection): **20 April 2026**

Submission Cycle 2:

- Submission deadline: **10 April 2026 at 23:59** AoE (Anywhere on Earth)
- Participants notified of review outcome: **03 May 2026**
- Participants required to submit mandatory changes/camera-ready copy: **13 May 2026**
- Participants notified of the final decision (acceptance/rejection): **18 May 2026**

Registration:

- Registration opens: **13 April 2026**
- Early-bird Registration closes: **24 May 2026**
- Registration closes: **31 May 2026**
- Final Programme Announced: **10 June 2026**
- CADE 2026: **15-17 June 2026**

Registration Rates

Physical Participation:

- Early bird registration: **£325**
- Early bird PhD registration: **£275**
- Standard registration: **£400**
- PhD registration: **£350**
- Partner lunch and dinner ticket: **£225**

Virtual Participation:

- Early bird virtual registration: **£125; £75** for developing nations*
- Standard virtual registration: **£200; £100** for developing nations*
- PhD virtual registration: **£125; £75** for early bird

* <https://www.oecd.org/en/topics/oda-eligibility-and-conditions/dac-list-of-oda-recipients.html#oda-recipients-list>

Charge of Extra Pages: The papers longer than 6-page will be asked for £50 extra for each four pages, or the authors can reduce to fit in the page limit for acceptance.

Review Process

The submissions will undergo a single blind review process against the following criteria:

- Topic suitability to the conference
- Justification of the purpose
- Appropriate theoretical background (where appropriate)
- Robustness of the research methodology
- Alignment between the findings/discussion and the objectives/purpose of the research
- Relevance of the contributions to theory and practice

Awards will be given for Best Paper and Best Early-Career Researcher Paper.