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ELG 2026

Systemic Sustainability: Analysis and Policy Design in the Age of Multiple Transitions

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Call for Papers

About the Conference

The College of Economics, Law, and Government at the University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City is pleased to announce the International Conference ELG 2026 on “**Systemic Sustainability: Analysis and Policy Design in the Age of Multiple Transitions.**” As digital, green, and energy transitions increasingly overlap and amplify global uncertainties, this conference shifts the focus toward “systemic sustainability.” It explores interdisciplinary frameworks and adaptive policy designs necessary for emerging economies like Vietnam to navigate the complex trade-offs and interconnected challenges in a volatile world.

ELG 2026 aims to bridge the gap between academic research and practical governance by fostering dialogue among scholars, policymakers, and practitioners. The conference focuses on developing evidence-based tools and systemic approaches across economics, law, and public management. Beyond academic exchange, it seeks to deliver high-quality publications and actionable policy briefs, affirming UEH-CELG’s position as a premier regional hub for sustainable development research and policy consultancy.

Conference Themes

We invite the submission of academic research (theoretical, empirical, methodological), policy-oriented research (policy papers, policy briefs, case studies), interdisciplinary papers, international comparative studies, and applications for Vietnam as well as other developing and emerging economies. We welcome papers in the following areas, including but not limited to:

I. Economics & Applied Economics

- Systems Economics & Sustainable Development
- Transitions Economics
- Behavioral Economics & Behavioral Change
- Development Economics & Social Inclusion
- Environmental & Resource Economics
- Macroeconomics & Systemic Stability
- Applied Economics & Policy Evaluation
- International Economics & Sustainable Globalization
- Digital Economy & Innovation
- Ecological & Nature-Based Economies (Green, Blue, Bio, Net-Zero)
- Circular & Regenerative Economies
- Digital, Knowledge & Platform Economies

II. Public Finance & Fiscal Policy

- Fiscal sustainability and systemic fiscal risks
- Taxation & Fiscal Instrument Design
- Public Expenditure & Sustainable Public Investment
- Budgeting & Fiscal Management
- Fiscal Policy & Systemic Stability
- Public Finance & Climate Change
- Fiscal decentralization and local governance effectiveness
- Green taxation and carbon pricing

III. Sustainable Finance & Financial Markets

- Sustainable Finance & ESG Frameworks
- Climate Finance & Green Transitions
- Financial Risk & Systemic Risk

- Sustainable Banking & Financial Intermediation
- Capital Markets & Sustainable Investment
- Financial Policy, Regulation & Institutional Design
- Digital Finance, FinTech & Digital Transitions
- Sustainable Finance in Vietnam and other developing & emerging Economies

IV. Public Governance & Adaptive Governance

- Public governance, systems thinking and holistic approaches in public management
- Adaptive governance under uncertainty and systemic risks
- Evidence-based and data-driven governance
- Public Governance & Digital Government
- Public Governance & Public Sector Innovation
- Systemic risk management in the public sector & resilience
- Sustainable Governance & Local Development
- Public management in Vietnam and other developing & emerging economies

V. Public Policy & Policy Design

- Policy design for multiple transitions
- Systems thinking and holistic approaches to policy design
- Policy instrument choice and mixes
- Policy evaluation, learning & adaptation
- Policy governance & multi-level coordination
- Inclusive policies, equity & social acceptance
- Comparative policy studies & lessons
- Case studies and practical policy analysis
- Bridging academic research and policy practice
- Co-design and stakeholder engagement

VI. Law & Legal Frameworks

- Interdisciplinary legal approaches to sustainability
- Legal challenges in complex systems
- Environmental, climate & green transition law
- Energy law & energy transition

- Digital economy, data & AI law
- Legal frameworks for sustainable finance and ESG
- Comparative law on sustainability
- Regional and global legal integration
- Law enforcement in sustainability-related domains

VII. Arts, Humanities and Languages

- Humanities perspectives on systemic sustainability
- Culture and identity under multiple transitions
- Language, discourse & social meaning
- Humanities education for sustainability competencies
- Public communication and social behavior
- Applied linguistics in governance
- Cultural identity and social transitions

VIII. Applied Mathematics

- Mathematical modeling of digital transformation, green transition, and energy transition
- Interdisciplinary models for multiple transitions
- Dynamic optimization and optimal control in systemic sustainability
- Decision theory under uncertainty
- Economic, social, and financial network models
- Shock propagation and system resilience analysis
- Graph theory applications in policy and governance
- Scenario simulation and policy experiments
- Mathematical foundations of machine learning and AI for sustainability
- Mathematical models of climate change and ecosystems
- Mathematics of energy systems and energy transition
- Resource optimization and environmental management
- Climate–economy–policy integrated models
- Mathematical models for policy impact evaluation

IX. Statistics, Data & Quantitative Methods

- Sustainability measurement & system indicators
- Multivariate statistics & structural analysis
- Time series analysis
- Spatial analysis
- Panel data models
- Bayesian statistics & probabilistic modeling
- Data science, AI & machine learning
- Big data, administrative & non-traditional data
- Quantitative methods for risk & uncertainty
- Quantitative methods for policy design & evaluation

X. Interdisciplinary & Policy-Oriented Studies

- Systems thinking in policy analysis and design
- Bridging academic research and policy briefs
- Comparative studies and policy lessons
- Knowledge translation from research to policy

XI. Other Related Topics

Keynote Speakers

- Professor Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton University, USA
- Professor Serguei Maliar, Stanford University, USA
- Dr. Ermal Frasheri, Harvard University, USA

Important Dates

- Submission deadline: April 30, 2026 (long abstract or full paper)
- Notification of acceptance: June 15, 2026
- Conference dates: July 28–29, 2026

Submission Guidelines

Submissions are open via elg.ueh.edu.vn and will follow a long-abstract or full-paper submission format. We encourage the submission of unpublished working papers or early drafts. For co-authored works, please specify the presenting author. All submissions will be evaluated by the scientific committee for acceptance into the conference program.

Registration

For registration, please visit the conference website at elg.ueh.edu.vn.

Registration Fee

- Presenter: \$100 USD (Early Bird); \$120 USD (Regular)
- Presenter (student): \$60 USD (Early Bird); \$80 USD (Regular)
- Non-presenter: \$60 USD

Publication

Accepted abstracts or papers will be published in the conference proceedings with an ISBN. In addition, selected papers will be given the opportunity to be published in peer-reviewed academic journals or edited books, including:

1. Journal of Asian Business and Economic Studies (JABES) — Scopus Q1
2. Journal of Economics, Finance and Administrative Science (JEFAS) — Scopus Q1

Authors of selected papers will be invited to submit their full manuscripts for review by the respective journals.

To recognize and encourage outstanding academic contributions, the conference will feature two awards: the CELG Best Paper Awards for the top research work presented, and the CELG Young Researcher Paper Awards for excellent papers authored by researchers under the age of 40.

Inquiries

For any questions, please contact the local organizing committee at elg@ueh.edu.vn.

