

Call for Papers
Centre for Inclusive Trade Policy Academic Conference 2026

9 and 10 April 2026
University of Sussex, Brighton

The Centre for Inclusive Trade Policy (CITP), the first centre dedicated to trade policy and funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, is built on the precept that trade policy should be inclusive in both policy formulation and outcome and focuses on four dimensions of inclusiveness: geography, political domains, society and generations. The Centre comprises scholars from economics, law, business management, politics and international relations and at all stages of their careers, and is committed to listening to the voices of all parts of UK society.

Formulating an effective trade policy that delivers something for all parts of society in such circumstances requires an evidence-based interdisciplinary approach, which the Centre aims to provide.

Our annual Academic Conference aims to provide a platform for all trade policy researchers, from a variety of different disciplines and areas of interest to come together to present, discuss and learn about the latest thinking on trade and trade policy.

Keynote speakers

Kevin O'Rourke



Professor of Economics
Sciences Po, Paris

Sarah Hall



Professor of Geography
St John's College, University of Cambridge

Submissions

Authors are invited to submit full papers, but extended abstracts will be considered. Please also include an abstract of the paper of around 100 words.

Papers should be submitted by email to: info@citp.ac.uk by 11:59pm (GMT) on Friday 21 February.

Authors of accepted papers to be presented at the conference will be included in the conference programme as long as at least one author has registered by Friday 20 March 2026.

There is no attendance fee. Participants will need to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

Key dates

Tuesday 13 January 2026	Submissions open
Friday 21 February	Submissions close
Friday 7 March	Notification of decision
Friday 27 February 2026	Registration opens
Friday 20 March 2026	Deadline for presenters to register
Monday 23 March 2026	Registration closes
Thursday 9 and Friday 10 April 2026	Conference

Location and Venue

University of Sussex

Fulton Building

Fulton Refectory Road, Brighton BN1 9NZ

Brighton is located on England's south coast in the county of East Sussex. Falmer Station is directly opposite the campus. You can get from Brighton to Falmer in nine minutes by train. Four trains an hour go to Falmer during the day. You can also change at Lewes for Falmer, if you are coming from the east. The journey time from London to Brighton is just under an hour.

The University of Sussex boasts a most beautiful campus, situated in the rolling parkland and countryside of the South Downs National Park. The campus comprises a collection of historic listed buildings, green spaces and modern teaching facilities and accommodation.

The city of Brighton and Hove - a (sunny) seaside city is famous for its beach, shops and nightlife. Dynamic and cosmopolitan, it's the city's sense of inclusivity that we hope to share with conference attendees. *VisitBrighton* offers an accommodation booking service at discounted rates for a range of accommodation choices which we will share with conference participants to self-book when registration opens.

Conference Organisers

Giovanni Facchini, chair

Scientific Committee

Ingo Borchert, Professor in Economics, University of Sussex

Giovanni Facchini, Professor of Economics, University of Nottingham

Michael Gasiorek, Professor of Economics, University of Sussex

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Ludivine Petitin, Professor of Law, Cardiff University

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Queries

Please address any queries to info@citp.ac.uk

This call is also available on our website: <https://citp.ac.uk/academic-conference-2026>