

CALL FOR PAPERS

38th CIRET Conference

Exploring New Frontiers in Economic Monitoring & Forecasting

Wednesday, 9 September – Saturday, 12 September 2026, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Special Topic

Economic Surveys, Indicators and Policy Making: Navigating Uncertainty in a Constrained World

Keynote Speakers

Dr Stan du Plessis (CEO STADIO Higher Education, Durbanville, South Africa)

Business Cycles in a Constrained World: Rethinking Stabilisation Policy for Emerging and Advanced Economies

Prof. Fabio Canova (Prof Emeritus, Dept of Economics, BI Norwegian Business School)

The topic will be revealed at a future date

Hosted by the

Bureau for Economic Research (BER) at Stellenbosch University and

South African Reserve Bank (SARB), Pretoria

CIRET conferences promote communication and collaboration between academics and practitioners involved in economic surveys and cyclical indicators. The forum also supports discussion on new methods and their applications.

This call seeks submissions addressing a wide spectrum of topics (see reverse) explored through various survey types, such as business tendency

surveys, consumer opinion surveys, investment surveys, and innovation surveys.

Additionally, it welcomes papers focusing on the development and application of cyclical indicators derived from survey data, as well as relevant methodological and econometric considerations. All types of contributions within these themes are encouraged.

Special Session at the 38th CIRET Conference

in partnership with the

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), BER, SARB and KOF

Rethinking Economic Survey Practice: Data Quality, Trust, and Innovation in an Increasingly Uncertain Environment

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Thursday, 10 September 2026

Conference Topics

I. Short-term Economic Surveys and Indicators

- ◆ Business Tendency Surveys (including Investment Surveys)
- ◆ Consumer Tendency Surveys
- ◆ Composite and Leading Indicators
- ◆ Ad hoc Surveys
- ◆ New Methods
- ◆ Real-time Monitoring and Forecasting
- ◆ Surveys Amongst Experts

II. Surveys Related to Structural Aspects of the Economy

- ◆ Innovative Activity
- ◆ Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- ◆ Organisational Change
- ◆ Labour Market Analysis

III. Special Topic

Economic Surveys, Indicators and Policy Making: Navigating Uncertainty in a Constrained World

In a world marked by tighter policy constraints and heightened economic uncertainty, the role of surveys and indicators in supporting effective decision-making is under increasing scrutiny. This special topic invites contributions on:

- How shrinking fiscal and monetary space influences business and consumer expectations.
- The measurement and role of uncertainty in economic analysis and forecasting.
- Survey-based insights into the effectiveness and credibility of policy strategies.
- Innovations in economic indicator development and the relevance of traditional business cycle measurement tools.
- The role of global supply chain disruptions and geopolitical shocks in business cycle analysis.
- The integration of AI, big data, and new technologies into survey methodologies.
- Institutional case studies and cross-country comparisons on real-time monitoring tools.

Isaac Kerstenetzky Award

sponsored by FGV, for the best papers presented at the CIRET Conference in distinct categories (for details see the CIRET website)

Paper Submission

Deadline: 30 April 2026

For the **academic section** of the conference, please submit your paper and abstract by completing the Submission Form available at [CIRET](#).

Log in to your CIRET account to submit your paper under 'My papers' or register if you don't have an account.

For the **special session**, submit an abstract and select "Special Session" as the topic.

Your paper must be submitted in English and in PDF-format.

You will be notified of your paper acceptance in early June. Submissions must be relevant to conference topics and meet academic standards.

Journal Submission

Authors are kindly invited to submit their ready-to-publish papers to the joint CIRET and Springer *Journal of Business Cycle Research* (<http://www.ciret.org/jbcy>) via the journal's [Editorial Manager](#). These submissions will be peer reviewed.