

CALL FOR PAPERS:

CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND EVOLVING SOCIETAL NEEDS

**University of Gothenburg campus, September 4-5, 2026
Centre for Economic Policy Research, CEPR**

Conference Organizers:

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The University of Gothenburg, in collaboration with the WFA Center for Finance and Accounting Research at the Wash U Olin Business School, The University of North Carolina, Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), and The Review of Corporate Finance Studies (Society for Financial Studies) is organizing a conference focusing on the interaction between advances in technology and the evolution of financial service organizations, as they jointly determine how various societal needs are met with increasing efficiency and reach. Papers submitted to the conference may be submitted for review for possible publication in a Special Issue of The Review of Corporate Financial Studies.

Conference Topics. Conference organizers are inviting both theoretical and empirical submissions. Topics that will be considered (topics provided below for illustration rather than as an exhaustive list) include and are not limited to:

- The role of digital banking, digital currencies, Big Data and Big Tech.
- Blurring boundaries between markets through financial innovations, non-banks and banks, private credit/private equity/corporate ventures, and challenges for regulation.
- AI and robotics and their implications for changes in the nature of financial services provided and the institutions providing them.
- Labor market implications of these advances in technology for both financial service firms like banks and for their customers.
- The role of banks and other financial service firms (e.g. private credit, PE firms) in financing innovation to meet various societal needs.

Submission Deadlines. The deadline for submitting papers is March 15, 2026. Decisions about the conference program will be made by May 22, 2026. Submission fee for the conference is SEK 765 (\$85). Please submit your paper following the guidelines provided at the conference website. The link is [Conference on technology, financial services and evolving societal needs | University of Gothenburg](#). This submission site will be open to accept submissions by February 15, 2026.

Conference participants will be responsible for their own travel and local accommodation expenses. Conference registration fees will be waived for presenters.

Special Issue Submission. A subset of the papers submitted to the conference will be reviewed for publication in a Special Issue of The Review of Corporate Financial Studies. At the time of submission, please indicate whether you would like to have your paper considered (at no extra cost) for the Special Issue of the RCFS under the SFS Dual Submission Program. Submitting to the RCFS is not necessary for the paper to be considered for the conference. Moreover, this is a “no-fault” submission option, which means that if you do choose to submit to the RCFS, and the paper is not accepted for the Special Issue, it does not eliminate your ability to submit at a later date to the RCFS as a regular submission. as if the paper was never submitted. See the SFS website at <http://sfs.org/dualsubmissionpolicy/> for the details of the Dual Submission program.