

CALL FOR PAPERS

19-20 June 2025, Kyiv

Paper Submission Deadline: Monday, 7 April 2025

The National Bank of Ukraine and Narodowy Bank Polski are pleased to invite submissions for the 9th Annual Research Conference, titled *Economic and Financial Integration in a Stormy and Fragmenting World*. This event aims to bring together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss the opportunities and challenges of economic and financial integration in a rapidly changing global environment.

In light of the ongoing geopolitical and economic challenges, in large part caused by the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, the topic of financial and economic integration has never been more urgent. The growing global fragmentation highlights the importance of thoroughly examining financial and economic integration, as well as its effects on the global economy and individual nations.

The conference will focus on the implications of financial and economic fragmentation, the shifting dynamics of global supply chains—including trends in offshoring and reshoring—and the transmission of global economic shocks. We will also examine the role of the financial sector in maintaining stability amid these disruptions, alongside the design and impact of monetary and fiscal policies, including the prominent role of central bank independence. A special focus will be given to European integration, both of countries which—like Ukraine—continue their journey towards EU accession and of current member states. Understanding how the new wave of EU enlargement will unfold, and how it will interact with broader global economic trends, is crucial for shaping both the future of Ukraine and of the European Union. Last but not least, emerging issues such as digitalization, artificial intelligence, sustainable practices, and labor mobility will be explored through the lens of financial and economic integration.

We are excited to announce that the keynote addresses will be delivered by **Christine Lagarde**, President of the European Central Bank (online), and **Kenneth Rogoff**, Professor of Economics and Maurits C. Boas Chair of International Economics at Harvard University. Their insights will shed light on the evolving dynamics of financial and economic integration in an increasingly fragmented world.

The conference will span two days. The first day will focus on in-depth policy discussions at the ARC 2025 venue in Kyiv, providing an opportunity for interactive dialogue between researchers, policymakers, and leaders from the financial and economic institutions. On the second day, research presentations will take place in a hybrid format, with speakers participating either in person or virtually. All the other participants will have access through an online stream, ensuring broad accessibility.

Organizers

We invite papers on a broad range of topics related to these themes, including, but not limited to:

- Benefits and challenges of EU enlargement for candidate and member states
- Central bank independence as a cornerstone of long-term macroeconomic stability in a stormy world
- The role of central banks in addressing global economic fragmentation
- The impact of financial and economic integration on macroeconomic stability and growth
- The implications of geopolitical fragmentation for economic security and growth
- The role of economic and financial integration in monetary policy transmission
- Foreign exchange markets, capital movements, and monetary policy independence
- The effects of offshoring, reshoring, and supply chain disruptions
- The intersection of digitalization, trends in sustainable practices, and labor mobility with financial and economic integration.

The deadline for paper submissions is **7 April 2025**. We encourage submissions from scholars, policymakers, and practitioners working on these pressing issues. When submitting your paper, ***please indicate*** whether you or your co-authors (if any) agree to ***present it in person*** at the conference in Kyiv or prefer to ***present online*** only. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at conference@bank.gov.ua.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and welcoming you to Kyiv in June 2025 for a productive and thought-provoking conference.