



# CALL FOR PAPERS

**Submission Deadline: February 6, 2026**

## 30th Annual Western Hemispheric Trade Conference April 15-17, 2026

### Two-Track Conference: In-Person and Virtual

You are cordially invited to submit papers for presentation at this Conference which brings together academic researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss an array of topics affecting the Western Hemisphere in today's global business world. The Conference is sponsored by Texas A&M International University (TAMIU), the A. R. Sanchez, Jr. School of Business, and the Center for the Study of Western Hemispheric Trade, in partnership with the Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas's Facultad de Comercio, Administración y Ciencias Sociales and Universidad Tecnológica de Tamaulipas Norte. The 2026 Conference will have two tracks: Track 1 will be held on the campus of TAMIU in Laredo, Texas, USA; Track 2 will be held virtually.

#### SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Keynote Presentations
- Concurrent Academic Sessions
- English and Spanish Sessions
- Live Broadcasting of In-Person Sessions
- Electronic Proceedings
- Special Sessions for Students (Ph.D., Master's, and UG)
- Student Paper Competition
- Reduced Registration Fee for Students

#### BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:

- A select number of qualified papers will be considered for publication in a special issue of *The International Trade Journal (ITJ)*, a leading peer-reviewed academic journal now entering its 40th year.
- A select number of papers will be invited to submit to the Center's *Working Paper Series*.
- Opportunity to interact with peers from various countries and gain insight into emerging topics related to economics, finance, management, marketing, information technology, and international business, among others.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- February 6, 2026 Submission deadline (no penalty)
- February 27, 2026 Extended submission deadline (with penalty)  
*Acceptance of submissions beyond this date will depend on space availability and will incur a penalty.*
- March 1, 2026 Registration ends
- March 4, 2026 Last day to submit revisions for submissions to be considered for inclusion in the electronic proceedings, the Center's *Working Paper Series*, and/or possible publication in a special issue of the *ITJ*
- April 1, 2026 Late registration ends

#### REGISTRATION FEES:

	In Person	Virtual
Registration (on or before March 1, 2026)	\$200 USD	Free
Late Registration (March 2 - April 1, 2026)	\$250 USD	\$50
Discounted Student Fee*	\$50 USD	Free

\*A limited number of waivers will be available for students. Request information at the time of submission.

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## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Submissions can be full-length manuscripts, short summary notes, or abstracts. Only full-length manuscripts and summary notes may be considered for inclusion in the special issue of the *ITJ*.
  - Full-length manuscripts should not exceed 8,000 words and should be no longer than 30 double-spaced pages using standard margins, a 12-point font, and including the cover page, all references, tables, and graphs.
  - Summary notes should not exceed 3,000 words and should be no longer than 12 double-spaced pages using standard margins, a 12-point font, and including the cover page, all references, and tables. Please refrain from including figures in the summary notes.
  - Abstracts should be between 100 and 500 words.
- Submissions are invited on any topic related to global business issues including, but not limited to, accounting, economics, finance, foreign direct investment, globalization, information technology, investment, logistics, management, marketing, sustainability, trade, and development.
- **All participants must submit their work electronically to [cswht@tamiu.edu](mailto:cswht@tamiu.edu).**
- Submissions imply that at least one author will register for the Conference and be present at the time designated in the Conference program, either in-person or virtually. Research-in-progress will be accepted. Graduate and undergraduate students as well as non-academic affiliates are also welcome.
- Please send an **MS Word file** of your submission by **February 6, 2026** for inclusion in the Conference. Each submission must include a cover page containing only the title of the research with the author(s) name, affiliation, and contact information.
- **All submissions must include the following statement:**

“By submitting this paper/summary note/abstract, I acknowledge that I am the author of the submission and that I have the permission of all co-authors to include this paper/summary note/abstract in the 30th Annual Western Hemispheric Trade Conference Proceedings. I also acknowledge that I have the rights to include any third-party materials in the submission.”
- **Upon submission, please indicate:**
  - if you prefer to include your full paper or only the abstract in the electronic conference proceedings,
  - if you would like your submission to be considered for publication in *The International Trade Journal*,
  - if you would like your submission to be considered for the Center’s *Working Paper Series*,
  - if you prefer to make your presentation in English or Spanish, and
  - if you plan to participate in person or virtually.

## CONFERENCE FORMAT: (subject to change)

- Day 1 (Wednesday) | In-person evening keynote address; virtual concurrent academic sessions will be added, if needed.
- Day 2 (Thursday) | In-person full-day Conference with concurrent academic sessions, a luncheon keynote address, and dinner. Virtual concurrent academic sessions will be scheduled throughout the day.
- Day 3 (Friday) | In-person half-day Conference with concurrent academic sessions, a luncheon keynote address, and presentation of student awards. Continuation of virtual concurrent academic sessions.

**NOTES:** All expenses, including registration for the Conference, travel, accommodation, etc., are the responsibility of the authors/presenters. No financial support can be provided by TAMIU.

Virtual participants are not eligible to receive meals, promotional items (conference bag, notebook, etc.), printed materials, and certificates of participation.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,** please contact the Center at TAMIU, 5201 University Boulevard, WHTC 221, Laredo, Texas 78041, email [cswht@tamiu.edu](mailto:cswht@tamiu.edu), call 956.326.2820, or visit [www.tamiu.edu/cswht](http://www.tamiu.edu/cswht).

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