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Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

## XXVII ANNUAL BIOECON CONFERENCE ON:

### “Economics, Finance and Nature Based Risks”

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026

St. John’s College, Cambridge

United Kingdom

*Hosted by the Department of Land Economy, and the Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance (C-EENRG), University of Cambridge*

*Co-hosted with:*

*The German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig,  
The Land Environment, Economics and Policy Institute (LEEP) and the Dragon Capital Chair in Biodiversity Economics, at the Exeter Business School, University of Exeter*

*With the support of*

*The European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE)*

## Keynote Speakers

**Professor Jennifer Alix-Garcia**

*Oregon State University*

**Professor Robin Burgess**

*London School of Economics*



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The Scientific Partners of BIOECON are pleased to announce the **Twenty-seventh International BIOECON Conference** on the theme of “**Economics, Finance and Nature Based Risks**”. The Conference will be held at St John’s College, Cambridge between **Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2026**.

Our keynote speakers will be Professor Jennifer Alix-Garcia (Professor of Applied Economics Oregon State University) and Professor Robin Burgess (Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics). In addition to the conference theme noted above, BIOECON XXVII aims to have parallel sessions on a broad range of topics within the umbrella of biodiversity economics including: the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services in economic development, plant genetic resources and food security issues, deforestation and development, fisheries, institutions and instruments (e.g. Payments for Ecosystem Services), biodiversity finance, development and conservation, wildlife conservation and endangered species, international trade and regulation and climate change. For a flavour of previous conferences go to this link:

<http://www.bioecon-network.org/pages/events-01.html>

In particular, submissions are invited on the themes of:

- Instruments for conservation in the context of land-use and biodiversity
- Innovative financial mechanisms for conservation
- Evaluation of biodiversity-related policies and programmes
- The use of spatial data to study impacts on biodiversity and conservation programmes
- The conservation and value of crop genetic diversity
- Institutional frameworks for resource conservation (property rights, market instruments etc.)
- The role of behavioural economics in biodiversity conservation policy design
- Experimental (lab and field) approaches to biodiversity and ecosystem service conservation
- Institution-building for provision of global public goods
- Issues of governance and management of natural resources in developing countries
- Development, growth and resource constraints
- Resources management, distribution, development, poverty alleviation.
- Experimental or survey research on the households’, investors’, or executives’ biodiversity preferences or beliefs.

BIOECON also has the goal of influencing policy-makers and policy. To this end **expert policy panels** will be organised. The purpose of these panels will be to bring together practitioners (Government, private sector, NGO) and academics from different disciplines to discuss current policy related issues in biodiversity conservation and environment. The panel sessions will be supported by and contribute to the aims and goals of the funding partners. The precise composition of the Policy Panels is to be announced.

## **THE VENUE**

The Conference will be held at the historical premises of **St. John’s College Cambridge**. Accommodation and all meals will be provided in the College. The conference will open with a reception at St John’s College on the evening of Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2026. Conference sessions will commence on the morning of Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September and conclude on the afternoon of Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September (by 5:00pm GMT). The conference banquet will take place at the main Dining Hall of St John’s College on the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. Delegates will also have privileged access to the renown grounds and Chapel of St. John’s (unless closed for building work).

## **SUBMISSIONS**

Complete papers may be submitted for presentation within the BIOECON Conference and only complete papers will be considered by the Scientific Programme Committee. Electronic copies should be sent using this dedicated submission page by clicking [here](#) no later than **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2026**. Please include

Abstract, JEL Codes and Keywords with your submission. Acceptance of papers will be notified by email by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2026**. If you wish to be considered for a **bursary** please indicate this in the submission page. Applying for a bursary will not affect whether your paper is selected (indeed, the paper may be accepted even if we are unable to offer a bursary).

It is also possible to submit 3-4 papers together as a suggested “**special session**” under a theme similar to those indicated above. In this case, please send your proposal via email to [bioecon@bioecon-network.org](mailto:bioecon@bioecon-network.org). The Scientific Partners reserve the right to accept papers on an individual basis, so it is possible that even when a session is not accepted, individual papers within the session might be so.

## REGISTRATION

**Paper-presenters attending the full event** will be charged **£320** that includes 2 night’s accommodation (on a B&B basis) on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September and all social events and meals at St. John’s College for the duration of the conference. Paper presenters will also have the option of attending the event as a **day participants** (not requiring overnight stay) for **£115** (with the banquet) or **£85** (without banquet). There will also be the option to attend the **entire event as a non-paper presenter** (pending availability) for a fee of **£480** (includes 2 nights’ accommodation, social events and meals) or as a **non-paper day participant** for **£165** (with banquet) or **£125/day** (without banquet). Bookings can be made on a dedicated conference portal (to be accessed via the conference website [here](#)) and that will be made available in early June. Delegates will be able to book additional nights (subject to availability), upgrade to a double room (subject to availability) and pay for additional meal guests through the same portal.

All other questions regarding fees, registrations and accommodation should be sent to the conference secretariat at [bioecon@bioecon-network.org](mailto:bioecon@bioecon-network.org).

The conference will be an entirely an in-person event. **Virtual attendance or on-line presentation of one’s paper will not be possible.**

There will be a limited number of **bursaries** made available which will allow some presenters to attend free of charge (though they will **not** cover travel to the conference or any visa fees). These will be directed towards PhD students and early career researchers, and particularly those who are based at institutions in the Global South and from transition and emerging economies. As noted above, please indicate in paper submission portal if you would like to apply for a bursary when submitting your paper.

**Registration will open on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2026.** Registration for all conference attendees, and presenters is due by Friday **26<sup>th</sup> of June 2026**. It may be possible for attendees who are not presenting to register later than this, but such places cannot be guaranteed. Further registration details and all other conference information will be provided on the BIOECON website [here](#).

## Important Dates

24 April 2026: Deadline for submissions

25 May 2026: Notification of papers' acceptance

1 June 2026: Registration opens

26 June 2026: Deadline for registrations

7-8 September 2026: XXVII BIOECON