

Call for Papers

2nd Industrial Policy Lab Annual Conference

Industrial Policy in an Age of (Geo)Strategic Competition

Berlin, November 30 – December 01, 2026

Submission Deadline: September 20, 2026

Across advanced economies, industrial policy has returned to the forefront of economic research and policymaking, not least because it is increasingly viewed as a matter of economic and national security. It is expected to address a wide range of challenges, including geopolitical rivalry and competition with China, energy security, the race for AI and computing power, access to critical raw materials, competitiveness, and structural transformation. These developments have generated a broad and rapidly growing research agenda in economics.

The conference will bring together leading researchers working on these topics, and we are delighted to welcome, among others:

Chiara Criscuolo (OECD),
Beata Javorcik (EBRD, University of Oxford) and
Felix Tintelnot (Duke University)

The organizing committee invites submissions of theoretical and empirical contributions on the economics of industrial policy, including but not limited to the following topics:

- Innovation Policies
- Clean Industrial Policies
- Industrial Policy Design
- Measuring and Evaluating Industrial Policy
- Industrial Policy for Defence
- Political Economy of Industrial Policies
- Industrial Policy in Quantitative Models
- Trade Policy as Industrial Policy
- Industrial Policy for Global Value Chains
- Industrial Policy and National Security
- Decarbonizing Industry

Both complete papers and extended abstracts will be considered. Every paper will receive dedicated time for presentation and discussion. Authors may submit multiple papers but can present only one paper at the conference.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit your paper or extended abstract via **industrialpolicylab@kielinstitut.de** by **September 20, 2026**. Authors will be notified of acceptance by the end of September 2026, with detailed information provided at that time. The conference will begin on the morning of November 30, 2026.

FUNDING

In line with our travel guidelines, the sponsoring institutions can cover accommodation and travel for presenters and discussants. As funding is limited, we would like to ask more senior participants to draw on their own grants where possible.

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