

4TH APPLIED ECONOMICS CONFERENCE 2026

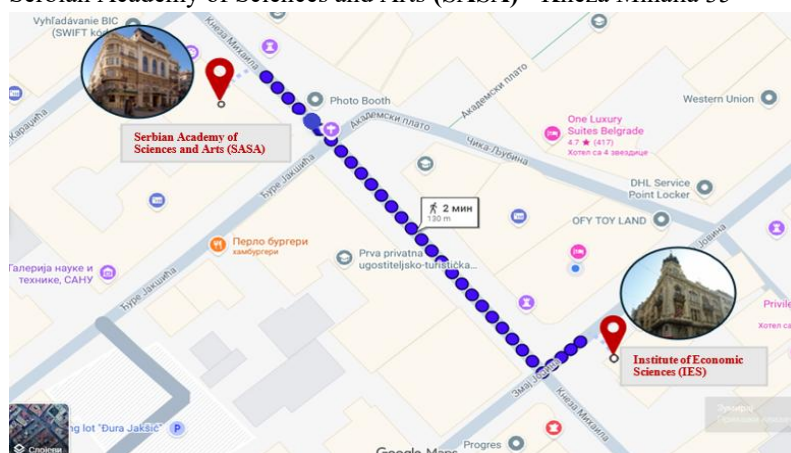
“Labour, Health, Education and Welfare”

Belgrade, 10-11 September 2026

Conference venues:

Institute of Economic Sciences (IES) - Zmaj Jovina 12

Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA) - Kneza Mihaila 35



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AGENDA

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Registration will be available in the morning **before the event starts and during the breaks.**

Day 1 - 10 September 2026 (Thursday)

08:00 –	Registration (IES, Ground Floor)
08:20 – 09:25	Opening ceremony and keynote lecture by Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (IES, Ground Floor, Room A1)
09:30 – 11:00	Parallel sessions A1 and A2
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break (IES, First Floor, Room 108)
11:30 – 13:30	Parallel sessions B1 and B2
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch (IES, First Floor, Room 108)
14:30 – 16:00	Parallel sessions C1 and C2
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break (IES, First Floor, Room 108)
16:30 – 17:30	Keynote lecture by Sarah Smith (IES, Ground Floor, Room A1)
17:45 – 18:30	Visit to the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA)
20:00 – 23:00	Dinner at <i>Jedno mesto</i> (Cetinjska 15)

Day 2 - 11 September 2026 (Friday)

08:00 –	Registration (IES, Ground Floor)
08:30 – 09:30	Keynote lecture by Imran Rasul (IES, Ground Floor, Room A1)
09:35 – 11:05	Parallel sessions D1 and D2
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break (IES, First Floor, Room 108)
11:30 – 13:30	Parallel sessions E1 and E2
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch (IES, First Floor, Room 108)
14:30 – 15:30	Masterclass by Sarah Smith (IES, Ground Floor, Room A1)
18:00 – 20:00	Guided Walking Tour of Belgrade (meeting point: in front of IES)
20:00 – 23:00	Dinner at <i>Mama Shelter</i> (Rajićeva Shopping Center, Kneza Mihaila 54A)

Day 3 - 12 September 2026 (Saturday)

09:30 – 20:30	Hiking Tour – Fruška Gora
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DAY 1 - 10 SEPTEMBER 2026 (THURSDAY)

08:00 – Registration (IES, Ground Floor)

08:20 – 09:25 Welcome & Keynote Lecture by Rudolf Winter-Ebmer (IES, Room A1)

“The Returns to International Migration in a Free Mobility Setting: Evidence from Austria and Germany”

09:30 - 11:00 Parallel sessions A1 and A2

Session A1 (IES, Room A1)

Topic: Labour Market Choices and Economic Inequality

Chair: Joerg Heining

1. *When Love Is Scarce: Early Marriage Market Competition and Labor Market Outcomes*
Dora Walter (University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, Croatia)
2. *Pay Transparency: Coworkers' Wages, Market Benchmarks, and Intentions to Negotiate Pay or Search for a Job*
Marta Palczynska (University of Warsaw, Poland)
3. *Firm Pay, Amenities, and Inequality*
Joerg Heining (Institute for Employment Research (IAB), Germany)

Session A2 (SASA, Room S2)

Topic: Education Policies and Long-Term Human Capital Outcomes

Chair: Filip Obradović

1. *If You Study, You Learn: The Effect of High-Stakes Entry Exams on Later Achievement*
Dániel Horn (Corvinus University, Hungary)
2. *Helping High-School Students in Choosing Their Careers: Experimental Evidence from a Large-Scale School Policy in Germany*
Silke Anger (University of Bamberg, Institute for Employment Research and IZA, Germany)
3. *Identification of Long-Term Treatment Effects via Temporal Links, Observational, and Experimental Data*
Filip Obradović (University of California, Los Angeles, USA)

11:00–11:30 Coffee break (IES, Room 108)

11:30–13:30 Parallel sessions B1 and B2

Session B1 (IES, Room A1)

Topic: Family Decisions and Investments under Labour Market Uncertainty

Chair: Rita Peto

1. *When Careers Stall: The Effects of Temporary Employment on Fertility and Infant Health*
Mario Martinez-Jimenez (Stanford University, USA; Imperial College London, UK)
2. *Why Wanting a Child Is Not Enough: Marriage-Time Future Constraints and Fertility Realization in Japan*
Zhijie Wang (KU Leuven, Belgium)
3. *Secure Old Age: The Effect of Job Insecurity on Parental Investment*
Yujie Wang (European University Institute, Italy)
4. *The Effect of Maternal Job Loss on School Dropout and Educational Trajectories*
Rita Peto (ELTE KRTK, Hungary)

Session B2 (SASA, Room S2)

Topic: Pensions, Retirement and Labour Market Behaviour

Chair: Tibor Kovač

1. *Pension System Size Preferences along the Bismarckian-Beveridgean Spectrum: Experimental Evidence from the UK*
Ernesto Anguita Roldán (University of Antwerp, Belgium)
2. *Exposing the Gap: Gender Inequality in Occupational Pension Coverage and Income*
Sunčica Vujić (University of Antwerp, Belgium)
3. *The Unintended Consequences of a Pension Age Increase*
Dora Tuda (Economic and Social Research Institute Dublin, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland)
4. *First Flight from the Nest: Child Departure and Parental Labour Market Outcomes*
Tibor Kovač (Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia)

13:30–14:30 Lunch (IES, Room 108)

14:30–16:00 Parallel sessions C1 and C2

Session C1 (IES, Room A1)

Topic: Labour Market Institutions and Work Organisation

Chair: Haoran Dai

1. *Short-run Effects of Career Counseling for Employed Workers*
Anna Heusler (Institute for Employment Research, Germany)
2. *Locking In or Pushing Out: The Caseworker Dilemma*
Miroslav Stefanik (Institute of Economic Research of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Slovakia)
3. *Working Days and Working Hours: Substitutes or Complements?*
Haoran Dai (Utrecht University, School of Economics, Netherlands)

Session C2 (SASA, Room S2)

Topic: Health, Institutions and Well-being

Chair: Béatrice d'Hombres

1. *Health Outcomes of Electricity Reallocation*
Ruoshui He (Jönköping University, Sweden)
2. *Strategic Effort and Organizational Performance: Evidence from a Hospital Reform*
Omer Dagan (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)
3. *The Youth Loneliness Epidemic: Real Trend or Survey Artifact?*
Béatrice d'Hombres (Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Italy)

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break (IES, Room 108)

16:30 - 17:30 Keynote Lecture by Sarah Smith (IES, Room A1)

“Changing Perceptions of Economics”

17:45-18:30 Visit to the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA)

20:00 - 23:00 Conference Dinner at Jedno mesto (Cetinjska 15)

DAY 2 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2026 (FRIDAY)

08:00 – Registration (IES, Ground Floor)

08:30-09:30 Keynote Lecture by Imran Rasul (IES, Room A1)
“TBD”

09:35 - 11:05 Parallel sessions D1 and D2

Session D1 (IES, Room A1)

Topic: Migration, Mobility and Labour Market Integration

Chair: Sunčica Vujić

1. *The Power of Healthcare Portability: Evidence from Internal Migration in China*
Anqi Ye (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain)
2. *Immigrant–Native Wage Differences in Hungary: Sorting into High-Paying Workplaces*
Róbert Károlyi (ELTE Centre for Economic and Regional Studies; Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary)
3. *Brexit and Citizenship*
Sunčica Vujić (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

Session D2 (SASA, Room S2)

Topic: Environmental Risks, Health and Productivity

Chair: Zemar Hakim

1. *Air Pollution and Infant Outcomes: Evidence from Serbia*
Lara Lebedinski (Institute of Economic Sciences, Serbia)
2. *Not Too Hot to Run: Adaptation to Extreme Heat in Competitive Runners*
Mahyar Rezazadeh (Simon Fraser University, Canada)
3. *Wildfire Smoke, Longer Hours, and the Hidden Costs to Urban Workers*
Zemar Hakim (Queen's University, Canada)

11:05–11:30 Coffee break (IES, Room 108)

11:30–13:30 Parallel sessions E1 and E2

Session E1 (IES, Room A1)

Topic: Gender Inequality and Structural Change in Labour Markets

Chair: Kosovka Ognjenović

1. *Manager Gender and Employee Preferences: Evidence from a Survey Experiment*
Petru Calenici (University College Dublin, School of Economics, Ireland)
2. *Breaking Barriers: Women's Employment, Career Development, and Gender Equality in European and Serbian Railways*
Danijela Stojanović (Institute of Economic Sciences, Serbia)
3. *Gender Wage Gap along the Unconditional Wage Distribution in Central and Eastern European Countries*
Aleksandra Anić (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics and Business, Serbia)
4. *Serbian Labour Market Occupational Structure Change: Evidence from LFS Data*
Kosovka Ognjenović (Institute of Economic Sciences, Serbia)

Session E2 (SASA, Room S2)

Topic: Preferences, Institutions and Political Economy

Chair: Tanmay Singh

1. *Who Deserves What? Inequality Perceptions and Preferences for Redistribution in Croatia*
Marko Ledić (Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia)
2. *Ideology, Inequality, and Preferences for Redistribution in Post-pandemic Europe: Western, Eastern, and Balkan Perspectives*
Marko Vladislavljević (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics and Business, Serbia)
3. *The Unorthodox Orthodox? Religion, Compromise, and Attitudes Toward Women in the Labor Market*
Mrdjan Mladjan (EBS Business School, Germany)
4. *Who Governs the Forest? Politician Identity and Forest Conservation in India*
Tanmay Singh (Jönköping International Business School, Sweden)

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“Communicating Economics”

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