



EconNet Workshop Pécs

Challenges of development and building local resilience in global networks of innovation and production

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University of Pécs, Faculty of Business and Economics, Hungary

Call for papers

The fourth EconNet Workshop Pécs brings together scholars working at the intersection of network economics, innovation, economic geography, global value chains, and complexity research. The 2026 workshop focuses on the challenges of development and building local resilience within globally networked systems of innovation and production, **with keynote speeches by**



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Global supply chains, trade and production networks, and knowledge systems generate efficiency and growth, but also create interdependencies and vulnerabilities. As resilience becomes a strategic priority, understanding how regions, firms, and countries position themselves within these networks and how they adapt, upgrade, and diversify is crucial for development. We welcome empirical and theoretical contributions that explore:

- Resilience, adaptation, and upgrading in global value chains
- Economic complexity, diversification, and capability building
- The spatial dimension of innovation and production networks
- Trade-offs between efficiency, specialization, and resilience
- Policy strategies for strengthening regional and local resilience

Beyond the academic program, participants can also experience the unique atmosphere of autumn in Pécs, when the city reveals most of its charm. Applications may be sent to econnet@tk.pte.hu, by **no later than 15th May 2026**. Notification of acceptance is due by 1st June 2026.

Attendance is free of charge but linked to registration (registration link is going to be sent upon acceptance).

On behalf of the organizing **EconNet** team,
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