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Call for Papers: 22nd Workshop on New Institutionalism (NIW)

WU Vienna, Department of Management, April 1–2, 2027

We are delighted to invite you to the 22nd New Institutionalism Workshop (NIW), to be held at WU Vienna, Department of Management, Austria. The NIW is an annual event aiming to unite scholars from diverse disciplines, countries, and academic traditions to push the theoretical and empirical frontiers of research on institutions in a broad sense. The NIW provides an open forum for experienced academics, early career scholars, as well as doctoral students to meet and have engaging conversations, for reflections on existing work, as well as sharing innovative research ideas and approaches.

We particularly welcome early-stage ideas and papers and encourage submissions that introduce novel topics, employ innovative methodologies, explore different research contexts, or offer fresh perspectives. Contributions that deviate from mainstream themes and theories are particularly valued, as they will enhance and broaden our understanding of institutions and institutional phenomena. We are also interested in literature not typically included in standard institutional theory, as well as intellectual sources not available in English. In line with the spirit of the new institutionalism network (<https://www.newinstitutionalism.org/>), the NIW also fosters collaboration and exchange, particularly among scholars from different disciplines and those bridging various academic fields.

We are therefore delighted to invite a broad range of scholars to submit their abstracts to present their work during the workshop. We look forward to many enjoyable and productive discussions during the workshop. Participants are expected to be present throughout the event and actively engage in discussions.

Like few other places, the City of Vienna seamlessly blends culture, commerce, politics, and history. Once the grand capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, it served as a central gateway between Western and Eastern Europe, governing vast territories and shaping

international diplomacy. At the turn of the 20th century, dynamic and cosmopolitan Vienna rivalled London and Paris as an epicentre of intellectual, artistic, and scientific life. Its magnificent *Ringstraße* architecture, grand palaces, and historic coffeehouses still convey these rich legacies. Long a crossroads of central Europe, centuries of trade, diplomacy, and migration have fostered a rich cultural diversity that defines the city today. This constant influx of talent and ideas sparked major intellectual and social innovations – from pioneering developments in psychology, economics, and legal theory to progressive social housing programs, and world-renowned public infrastructure. Home to vibrant arts, classical music, modern innovation, and an unparalleled quality of life, Vienna continues to navigate the intersections of tradition, service, and diplomacy.

As one of Europe's largest and leading business and economics universities, WU Vienna is a research-driven organisation with a strong public and societal mission. Holding prestigious triple-crown accreditation, the university is home to world-leading scholarship, featuring a renowned international faculty, a vibrant doctoral community, and extensive global collaborations.

Over the last two decades, the Department of Management has established itself as a premier centre for impactful research in organisation studies, public and nonprofit management, organisational change, and related disciplines. The department regularly hosts major international conferences and high-profile academic workshops, including previous editions of the EGOS Colloquium and the NIW – bringing together leading scholars from around the globe to shape the future of management thought.

The University's campus is within easy reach of accommodation, restaurants, and cultural landmarks. Vienna is well connected by train to many European cities, and its airport features connections to European and overseas destinations.

Participants will find it easy to navigate by public transport, or even on foot and by bicycle. The campus sits in the city's Knowledge Quarter, a hub of innovation, science, and culture – a fitting setting for critical debates about institutions and the institutionalised.

For further information, feel free to contact us via orgstudies@wu.ac.at.

Important Dates and Information:

- Submission of short papers: from October 15 to November 30, 2026 (between 800 and 3,000 words) via orgstudies@wu.ac.at.
- Decision on acceptance by: December 22, 2026
- Online registration starts in January 2027

Fees:

- General: 250 €
- PhD Students – up to March 1, 2027: 225 € (early bird); after March 1, 2027: 250 €

This includes coffee breaks, lunches, and the workshop dinner on Thursday, April 1.

(Fees will be paid to WU Vienna via bank transfer. Any bank transfer fees are borne by the sender using OUR terms.)

Pre-conference get-together:

We are happy to announce that we will continue the tradition of organising an informal pre-conference get-together for those who want to start the exchange on Wednesday evening (at your own expense). The precise venue for the get-together will be communicated in the near future.

Please note that space is limited, and only those who confirmed attendance during registration will have a guaranteed spot!

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