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# 8<sup>th</sup> World Bank/ODI Global/IFS Public Finance Conference

September 24-25, 2026, in Washington DC

## Call for Papers: Submission by May 15, 2026

We are pleased to announce the **8th World Bank/ODI Global/IFS Public Finance Conference**, taking place in **Washington DC on September 24-25, 2026** and hosted by the Development Economics Vice Presidency and the Fiscal Policy Unit of the World Bank. This annual conference brings together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss cutting-edge research on public finance of relevance for low- and middle-income countries (L&MICs). We primarily focus on research related to L&MICs but also welcome relevant studies from high-income contexts. We invite submissions across all areas of public finance, including:

- Tax Policy and Administration
- Subsidies and Compensation/Wage Bill Reforms
- Political Economy of Fiscal Reforms
- Taxation and Jobs
- Public Financial Management, Public Goods Provision, and Procurement
- Cash Transfers, Social Protection and other Poverty Alleviation, and Inequality Reduction Programs
- Artificial Intelligence in Public Finance

We are pleased to feature **Nathaniel Hendren**, Professor of Economics at MIT and Founder/Co-Director at *Policy Impacts*, as our keynote speaker.

**Format:** The conference will take place in person in Washington DC with streaming available for non-presenting attendees. Presenters are expected to attend in person. The organizers will arrange economy-class travel for invited presenters when needed.

**Submission:** We invite researchers from both academic and policy institutions to submit a paper (preferable) or an extended abstract of two or more pages **by May 15, 2026**, by [uploading here](#). We highly encourage submissions that showcase collaborations between researchers and policymakers. The conference will feature a session in which policy makers present their research. We aim to notify the authors of selected papers by June.

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For more information, please [visit the 2026 Public Finance Conference website](#).