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AI, Innovation, Digital Assets, Decentralization, and Risks at
the Crossroads of Global Change”**

Submissions until September 10th 2026.

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Tuesday 22 September 2026

Aula Magna - UOM, Valletta Campus

08:00 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:45 Session A1: Opening Addresses (Chair: TBA)

Professor Dr. Frank Bezzina - Rector, University of Malta, Malta

Professor Dr. Waldemar Tarczynski - Rector, University of Szczecin, Poland

Professor Dr. Slawomir Bukowski - Rector, Casimir Pulaski Radom University, Poland

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Professor Dr. John Malindretos - Senate University Member, William Paterson University of New Jersey, USA

Professor Dr. Simon Grima - Dean of the Faculty of Finance, Economics, Management and Accountancy, University of Malta, Malta

Professor Dr. Eleftherios Thalassinos - President of International Strategic Management Association, Greece

09:45-10:00 Coffee Break

10:00-12:45 Session A2: Keynote Addresses (Chair: Professor Dr. Rebecca Dalli-Gonzi)

10:00-10:25: Keynote 1: Dr. Hab. inz. **Kesra NERMEND**, Prof. US, Director, Institute of Economics, University of Szczecin, POLAND

10:25-10:50: Keynote 2: Prof. Dr. **Antonis SIMINTIRAS**, International University of Kuwait, KUWAIT

10:50-11:15: Keynote 3: Prof. Dr. hab. **Slawomir I. BUKOWSKI**, Rector, Casimir Pulaski Radom University, POLAND

11:15-11:40: Keynote 4: Prof. Dr rer. pol. Habil. **Thomas BURKHARDT**, Director, Institute of Management, Chair of Finance, University of Koblenz, GERMANY

11:40-12:10: Keynote 5: Prof. Dr. **Salah AL-SHARHAN**, VPAA, International University of Kuwait, KUWAIT

12:10-12:45: Questions and Answers

12:45-13:30: Lunch Break

13:30-15:45 Session A3: Keynote Addresses (Chair: Professor Dr. Dimitris Maditinou)

13:30-13:55: Keynote 6: Dr. Hab. Kinga **FLAGA-GIERUSZYNSKA**, Prof. US, Vice-Rector, University of Szczecin, Head of Research Assembly of Civil Procedural Law, Medical Law and New Technologies, Faculty of Law and Administration, POLAND

13:55-14:20: Keynote 7: Prof. Hab. **Grațîela Georgiana NOJA**, Vice Dean, West University of Timisoara, ROMANIA

14:20-14:45: Keynote 8: Dr. hab. **Malgorzata TARCZYNSKA-LUNIEWSKA**, Prof. US, Institute of Economy and Finance, University of Szczecin, POLAND

14:45-15:10: Keynote 9: Prof. Dr. **Anastasios (Tassos) MALLIARIS**, Quinlan School of Business, Loyola University Chicago, USA (online)

15:10-15:35: Keynote 10: Prof. Dr. **Nicolas ECONOMIDES**, New York University, STERN'S Business College, USA (online)

15:35-15:45: Questions and Answers

End of Day 1

Free afternoon (organized visit the Saint John Cathedral)

DAY 2: Wednesday 23 September 2026

Lecture Halls 1, 2, 3, 4 UOM, Valletta Campus

09:00-10:15: Parallel Sessions B1, B2, B3, B4

Session B1: Moderator: Prof. **Kostantinos LIAPIS**, Director, Institute of Accounting and Finance, Panteion University of Athens, GREECE

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Session B2: Moderator: Prof. Dr. **Ileana TACHE**, Transylvania University of Brasov, ROMANIA

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Session B3: Moderator: Dr. **Elena REPMAN**, University "Niccolò Cusano", Department of Management, Rome, ITALY

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Session B4: Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Vlad **DUMITRACHE**, Carol I University of National Defense, DRESMARA, ROMANIA

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:45: Parallel Sessions B5, B6, B7, B8

Session B5: Moderator: Prof. AS. **Aleksander OSTENDA**, Rector, Academy of Silesia, POLAND

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Session B6: Moderator: Prof. **John MALINDRETOS**, Head, William Paterson University, USA

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Session B7: Moderator: Prof. **Jesús LÓPEZ-RODRÍGUEZ**, Head of Regional Unit, Jean Monnet Research Group on Competition and Regional Development in the EU (GCD), University A Coruna, SPAIN

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Session B8: Moderator: Prof. **Yurii VITKOVSKYI**, Vice Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Academy of Silesia, POLAND

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

11:45-12:45: Session B9: Lecture Hall TBA Workshop: INSPIRE initiative

Introductory Speeches:

Prof. Dr. hab. **Gratiela Georgiana NOJA**, Vice-Dean, West University of Timisoara, ROMANIA

Prof. **Simon GRIMA**, Dean, Faculty of Finance, Economics, Management, and Accountancy, University of Malta, MALTA

12:45-13:30: Lunch Break

13:30-14:30: Session B10: Lecture Hall TBA: Workshop: ICM initiative

Introductory Speeches:

Prof. Dr. **Antonis SIMINTIRAS**, International University of Kuwait, KUWAIT

Dr. **Ioannis TACHMATZIDIS**, President, Malama -Institute for Psychological Applications, GREECE

14:30-15:45: Parallel Sessions B11, B12, B13, B14

Session B11: Moderator: **Prof. Inna ROMĀNOVA**, Director, Research Institute, University of Latvia, LATVIA

Invited Guest: Prof. Anne Marie **THAKE**, University of Malta, MALTA

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4

Session B12: Moderator: **Dr. Marcin BUDZIŃSKI**, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Academy of Silesia, POLAND

Invited Guest: Prof. **Alexis ANTONIADES**, Director, and Chair of International Economics
Georgetown University, QATAR

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4

Session B13: Moderator: Prof. Dr. **Ibish MAZREKU**, Haxhi Zeka University Peja, KOSOVO

Invited Guest: Prof. **Dimitrios GOUNOPOULOS**, Professor in Accounting and Finance in the
School of Management at the University of Bath, UK

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4

Session B14: Moderator: Prof. **Tomasz DOROŻYŃSKI**, Director, Institute of Economics,
University of Lodz, POLAND

Invited Guest: Dr. **Dominik A. ROZKRUT, and Monika ROZKRUT** Institute of Economics and
Finance, University of Szczecin, POLAND

Director of Finance, Szczecin

Presenters 1, 2, 3, 4

End of Day 2

Free afternoon

19:00 Gala Dinner, Conclusions (Meet point UOM main entrance)

DAY 2: Thursday 24 September 2026

Online Teams Meetings

10:00-13:00 Online Parallel Sessions C1, C2, C3, C4

Session Chairs: TBA

13:00 End of ICABE 2026