



The Impact of AI on White Collar Work

The Fourth AI-Econ Lab Conference

Call for Papers

June 10-11, 2026, Örebro, Sweden

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Together with the Swedish research cluster AISCAF, the AI-Econ Lab, will host the fourth interdisciplinary conference on the use of artificial intelligence in white collar work and implications for the labour market. White collar work is increasingly important in employment. Meanwhile, it performs tasks that are susceptible to AI-induced automation. At the conference, researchers will present their current research. We welcome researchers in economics, computer-science, informatics, statistics, management, law, sociology, and other related fields. To benefit the research presented, we aim for an active and close interaction between participants, akin to a workshop.

Format and Keynotes

12 papers will be selected for presentation.

35 minutes presentation of the paper.

10 minutes for the discussant of the paper.

15 minutes open discussion.

Every presenter discusses another paper. Other attendees are welcome subject to space.

Keynotes:

- Prof. [Michael Lechner](#), St.Gallen
- Prof. [Christina Gathmann](#), Luxembourg

Venue: [Katrinelund](#), beautifully located by Lake Hjälmaren, 30 mins outside Örebro. (www.katrinelund.se)

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Submission and registration

17 April 2026 – Submission deadline

Submit abstracts (≤ 300 words) to conf-ai-econlab@oru.se

29 April – Selection, based on abstracts.

28 May – Papers to be sent to discussants.

28 May – Final date for registering (for all), by e-mailing to conf-ai-econlab@oru.se: full name, academic title, subject, organization, and country.

Dates and funding

The conference starts early Wednesday morning and ends late on Thursday. Arrival is on June 9 (evening), and departure on June 12 (morning).

Accommodation is covered for presenters, while their economy travel is remunerated up to fixed amounts. Conference meals are covered.

About the AI-Econ Lab and AISCAF

The Lab is an international and multidisciplinary research team, with participants from several countries and disciplines (e.g., economics, computer science, law, statistics). It is located at Örebro University, with partner Ratio Institute, and was established in 2020. Since 2026, the Lab is also a node of the newly established Swedish WASP-HS research cluster AISCAF.

The Wallenberg AI, Autonomous Systems and Software Program – Humanity and Society (WASP-HS) is a national research program in Sweden. The vision of WASP-HS is to foster novel interdisciplinary knowledge in the humanities and social sciences about AI and autonomous systems and their impact on human and social development. WASP-HS enables cutting edge research, expertise, and competence building in the humanities and social sciences.

Links: www.ai-econlab.com and www.aiscap.se