

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

2026 AERE@WEAI

Sessions organized during June 30–July 2, 2026 by the

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

at the 100th annual conference of the

Western Economic Association International

June 29–July 3, 2026, Denver Sheraton Downtown Hotel, Denver, Colorado

AERE-organized sessions are intended to provide an additional conference option for AERE members and to ensure that interesting research in our field continues to appear on the program of a major general-interest conference in economics.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT: All paper presenters must be 2026 AERE members, where memberships purchased on or after October 1 are applied to the next calendar year (<https://www.aere.org/join-aere>). AERE members need not join WEAI to attend the conference but the conference registration fee depends on whether you are a WEAI member (<https://www.weai.org/membership-information>). Each session participant is expected to serve as a discussant on one other paper in their session and one session participant will be selected to serve as the session chair.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Abstracts are limited to 500 words; research using empirical techniques should include a description of the data and methods. Submissions will open on October 1, 2025. For full consideration by the selection committee, submissions must be received by November 15, 2025 (midnight, PST). The selection committee will use a blind review process. Submissions should be sent by the proposed presenter who will be the main contact for correspondence. The selection committee will consider only ONE (1) submission per *presenter*. However, we sometimes need last-minute substitute papers. If you have a second paper to present (if needed, and potentially on short notice) please submit the abstract for that paper by prefacing the title as follows: "STANDBY PAPER: [Your title]." Note that WEAI requires information on affiliation and email addresses for all participants, including coauthors, for all papers selected by AERE for these sessions.

TO PH.D. ADVISORS: AERE encourages presentations by new talent at the WEAI/AERE meetings. Given the time frame for these meetings, the WEAI/AERE sessions may afford a good opportunity for Ph.D. students to introduce their research to the profession, especially if these students will be on the academic job market in the fall of 2026. You are encouraged to mentor your student(s), perhaps by taking the initiative to assemble an AERE session around your student's research area. Student memberships in AERE are still only \$25 per year (<https://www.aere.org/join-aere>).

SESSIONS: Each 1 hour and 45 minutes session will typically consist of four short presentations with discussants and a chair. AERE sessions will be scheduled so they do not overlap with the WEAI Keynote session or the WEAI Presidential Luncheon. Proposals for complete sessions are welcome. Submitters for complete sessions must confirm each presenter's intention to participate in the session

and provide all the necessary information for EACH of the papers. To assist the selection committee, the four proposed papers should ALL bear titles beginning with “XXXX SESSION: ” where XXXX is the last name of that session’s organizer. Papers may be accepted or rejected on an individual basis unless the proposer specifically requests the session be considered only in its entirety. Proposals for panel sessions are welcome; contact the AERE@WEAI organizer, Noelwah Netusil (netusil@reed.edu), for more information.

SUBMISSION PORTAL FOR ABSTRACTS AND COMPLETE SESSIONS:

<https://aere.memberclicks.net/weaiabstractsubmissions>