



The Sumantra Ghoshal Conference on Managerially Relevant Research

London, Friday 29 May (full day) and Saturday 30 May
(morning only), 2026

Call for Papers

Deadline for submissions: 20 January, 2026

The Strategy and Entrepreneurship department at the London Business School invites you to submit research papers for presentation at the 18th Sumantra Ghoshal Conference on Managerially Relevant Research on 29-30 May, which will be held on the campus of London Business School.

The purpose of this invitation-only Conference is, in the spirit of our late colleague Sumantra Ghoshal, to bring together researchers who engage in high-quality research which can also shape the way we practice management. We invite research presentations that not only meet the highest standards of academic rigour, but also create insights that are of value to practitioners – managers, consultants or policymakers.

The conference will feature regular academic paper presentations, ultra-short paper presentations, a mixture of practitioner panel members and discussants, and other linkages between academic research and practice, a debate and dinner. We particularly also welcome “unusual papers”.

London Business School Faculty will select a mix of submitted papers that complement each other. Note that, historically, our paper acceptance rate is on par with the top journals in our field. We select submissions based on quality but also based on fit with other papers in a session.

We expect the submitting faculty member to present the selected paper. We will happily extend an invitation to co-authors to attend our conference. If you want to attend the conference and become part of our community but not present a paper, please contact the conference organiser.

Submission Process

Papers should be submitted via an online form, available [here](#).

Note that we welcome papers that are undergoing review/revision and earlier work. Please do not submit papers to the Conference which have already been

accepted for publication in a journal at the time of submission.

If you have any additional questions, please email the conference organiser, Freek Vermeulen, fvermeulen@london.edu, cc'ing ghoshalconference@london.edu.

The deadline for submissions is 20 January, 2026. Submissions selected for presentation will be notified by the 28th of February.

Please refer to [the conference website](#) for information on past conferences, past winners of the Sumantra Ghoshal Award, and further updates to our conference programme, panels, and guests.