

Call for Papers

CASFI Conference

Schumpeter@100: Firm Dynamics, Growth, and Heterogeneity

University of Bonn (CASFI), 19–20 February 2026, sponsored by DFG

Starts early afternoon on Thursday, 19 Feb; ends early afternoon on Friday, 20 Feb

Overview

To mark **100 years since Joseph A. Schumpeter joined the University of Bonn (Winter semester 1925/26)**, the Center for Advanced Studies *Finance and Inequality* (CASFI) invites paper submissions for a focused conference on **firm dynamics, growth, and heterogeneity**, bringing together perspectives from **modern macroeconomics** and **quantitative economic history**.

Themes & Topics

We welcome theoretical, empirical, and quantitative papers on (including, but not limited to):

- Firm entry, exit, and reallocation; business dynamism and productivity
- Micro-to-macro aggregation with heterogeneous firms and households
- Innovation, diffusion, creative destruction, and long-run growth
- Trade and international macro with heterogeneous firms
- Finance, credit frictions, and inequality across firms/households
- Measurement and history of firm dynamics; archival data and new data sources

Confirmed speakers

- **Florin Bilbiie** (University of Cambridge)
- **Basile Grassi** (Bocconi University)
- **Alessandro Nuvolari** (Santa Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa)
- **Tetsuji Okazaki** (Meiji-Gakuin University, Tokyo)
- **Petr Sedláček** (UNSW Sydney)
- **Jochen Streb** (Mannheim University)
- **Kaspar Zimmermann** (Kiel Institute / University of Hamburg)

Keynote: Marc J. Melitz (Harvard University)

Dates & Venue

- **Dates:** Thursday–Friday, **19–20 February 2026**
Starts **early afternoon** on Feb, 19; finishes **on the afternoon** of Feb, 20.
- **Location:** University of Bonn — CASFI (Bonn, Germany)

Submissions

- Please submit a **full paper** (preferred) or an **extended abstract** ($\geq 1,500$ words) in **PDF**.
- **Submission method:** Email your PDF to casfi@uni-bonn.de with subject line “**CASFI Schumpeter@100 — Submission**”.
In the email body, include title, authors/affiliations, and a 150–200 word abstract.
 - **Submission deadline: December 10, 2025**
 - **Notification: December 20, 2025**
 - **Program posted: early January 2026**

Funding

CASFI will **cover travel and hotel** for **presenting speakers**, in line with standard CEPR-style arrangements (economy airfare/rail; up to two hotel nights in Bonn). Further details will be shared with accepted authors.

Organizers

Carsten Burhop, Christian Bayer, Federica Romei, Sergio de Ferra (University of Bonn and affiliates)

Registration & Attendance

Attendance is free but **registration is required**. Details will be posted with the final program.

Questions

For inquiries, please contact casfi@uni-bonn.de.