

# AIHE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

## *Polycrisis and the Future of Education 2026*

21 October 2026 | Melbourne, Australia | [aiheconference@aihe.sa.edu.au](mailto:aiheconference@aihe.sa.edu.au)

The **Adelaide Institute of Higher Education (AIHE)** invites academics, researchers, doctoral candidates, business practitioners, and industry professionals to submit original papers for presentation at our inaugural one-day international research conference.

The world is experiencing a **polycrisis** — where multiple, compounding disruptions in geopolitics, economics, technology, and society interact and amplify one another. This conference asks a fundamental question: how do our institutions, businesses, and education systems adapt, lead, and endure?

Selected presenters will share their work in a single-room, collegial setting designed for genuine dialogue across disciplines and sectors. All accepted papers will be subject to **double-blind peer review** and published in the **AIHE 2026 Conference Proceedings** (ISBN-registered digital volume).

### Registration Fees

Conference Registration Fees	
Onsite Registration	AUD \$150 per person
Online Registration	AUD \$100 per person
Onsite + Networking Drinks	AUD \$200 per person

**i** **Partner Discount:** Adelaide Education Group's institutional partners are eligible for a **50% discount** on all registration categories. Please contact [researchconference@aihe.sa.edu.au](mailto:researchconference@aihe.sa.edu.au) to confirm eligibility and receive your discount code.

### Conference Themes

We welcome submissions from education, business, economics, public policy, and the social sciences. Papers may address any of the following three themes. **Cross-theme and interdisciplinary work is strongly encouraged.**

#### **Business Resilience and Economic Adaptation in a Polycrisis World**

*How organisations survive and thrive when multiple crises converge*

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- Business strategy and leadership under geopolitical and economic uncertainty
- Supply chain fragility, reshoring, and operational resilience
- SME survival strategies in volatile and emerging markets
- ESG, sustainable finance, and responsible investment in uncertain times
- Workforce transformation, the future of work, and organisational culture
- Entrepreneurship and innovation as responses to systemic disruption

## Technology, AI, and the Transformation of Institutions

*From tools to structural change — across business and education*

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- Artificial intelligence in business operations, decision-making, and strategy
- AI in pedagogy, assessment, and academic integrity
- Digital disruption of industries: finance, healthcare, logistics, and education
- Data ethics, privacy, and the governance of emerging technologies
- Cybersecurity and organisational risk in a hyperconnected world
- Preparing students and workforces for an AI-augmented economy

## Institutions, Governance, and the Social Contract Under Pressure

*Rebuilding trust and legitimacy when systems are strained*

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- Higher education governance, regulation, and quality assurance in crisis conditions
- Internationalisation of education and business in a de-globalising world
- Public policy responses to economic inequality and social fragmentation
- Cross-sector partnerships between universities, industry, and government
- Organisational ethics and institutional accountability in turbulent times
- Community resilience, social cohesion, and the role of knowledge institutions

## Submission Guidelines

<b>Format</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Abstract: 250–300 words (for early review)</li><li>• Full papers: 8,000 words (<math>\pm 10\%</math>), including references</li></ul>	<b>Review Process</b> <p>Double-blind peer review by international subject matter experts.</p>
<b>Originality</b> <p>Papers must be original and not under review or published elsewhere at the time of submission.</p>	<b>Presentation Format</b> <p>Presentations may be delivered onsite (Melbourne) or online.</p> <p>10-minute presentation + 10-minute Q&amp;A per paper.</p> <p>All presentations delivered in one shared, collegial room (onsite participants).</p>

## Key Dates & Submission Deadlines

Milestone	Deadline
Abstract Submission Deadline	<b>27 June 2026</b>
Full Paper Submission Deadline	<b>9 August 2026</b>
Notification of Acceptance	<b>12 September 2026</b>

Camera-Ready Paper Due	<b>3 October 2026</b>
<b>Conference Day</b>	<b>21 October 2026 — Melbourne, Australia</b>

## Publication & Recognition

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- Publication in the AIHE 2026 Conference Proceedings (ISBN-registered digital volume)
- Best Paper Awards in two categories: Theoretical Contribution and Early Career Researcher

## How to Submit

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Registration and submission portals will be opening soon. Detailed templates covering document formatting, structural layout, and length limits will be provided at portal launch.

For initial enquiries, partnership opportunities, or further information, please contact the organising committee:

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