



# 2026 Global Forum for Financial Consumers (GFFC)

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University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2026 Global Forum for Financial Consumers (GFFC), the 13<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the International Academy of Financial Consumers (IAFICO), will be held at the University of Konstanz on August 20-21, 2026, in Konstanz, Germany. The conference theme is ***“Resilient Financial Consumers in the Digital Age”***.

The aim of the GFFC is to provide an engaging forum for international academics, policymakers, and professionals to share knowledge, experiences, and practical solutions related to financial consumer protection. All areas of consumer finance – including banking, insurance, investments, savings, and credit – as well as all geographic regions are of interest.

We welcome submissions of high-quality manuscripts from experts, researchers, scholars, and practitioners on topics including, but not limited to:

- Behavioral biases and financial choice architectures
- Consumer behaviors and financial wellbeing
- Consumer financial protection and regulations
- Cybersecurity
- Digitalization and financial inclusion
- ESG disclosure, rating, and investment
- Financial advice/financial advisors
- Financial and digital inequalities
- Financial consumer protection in public and private markets
- Financial consumers in aging societies
- Financial literacy, education, counseling, and therapy
- Fintech, AI, cryptocurrencies and other financial innovations
- Insurance, savings, and protection gaps
- Islamic finance/Gulf studies
- Law for financial consumer protection
- Sustainability
- Unbanked and vulnerable consumer populations

### **Submission deadline: March 15, 2026**

Detailed abstracts or full papers, including contact author information, should be submitted by **March 15, 2026** to [iafico@iafico.org](mailto:iafico@iafico.org). Acceptance decisions will be announced by **April 15, 2026**.

Accepted manuscripts for which a full paper is submitted by **June 15, 2026** will be considered for the 2026 GFFC Best Paper Awards or Travel Scholarships.

A selection of papers presented at the GFFC will be invited for publication in the *International Review of Financial Consumers (IRFC)*.

*For more information, contact [iafico@iafico.org](mailto:iafico@iafico.org)*

## **2026 Travel Scholarships**

IAFICO may offer travel scholarships (GFFC Conference Registration Fee + USD 300) to about ten persons who have paid for membership and who will present in person at the GFFC. We will provide travel scholarships only to assistant professors or junior lecturers or doctoral candidates who will be presenting a paper on-site at the conference. In the case of joint research, the travel scholarship will be divided by the number of on-site presenters

## **IAFICO Membership**

Membership Application: <https://www.iafico.org/membershipfee>

Email: [iafico@iafico.org](mailto:iafico@iafico.org)

Annual membership fee:

- USD 100 per year (Developed Economies),
- USD 50 per year (Developing Economies).

## **Conference Registration**

Early bird registration fee (before June 15, 2026):

- IAFICO members: USD 200,
- Non-members: USD 300,
- Students / Developing-country / Online member presenters: USD 100.

Regular registration fee (after June 15, 2026):

- On-site IAFICO member participation: USD 250,
- Non-members: USD 350,
- Students / Developing-country/Online member presenters: USD 100.