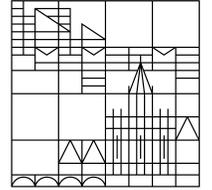




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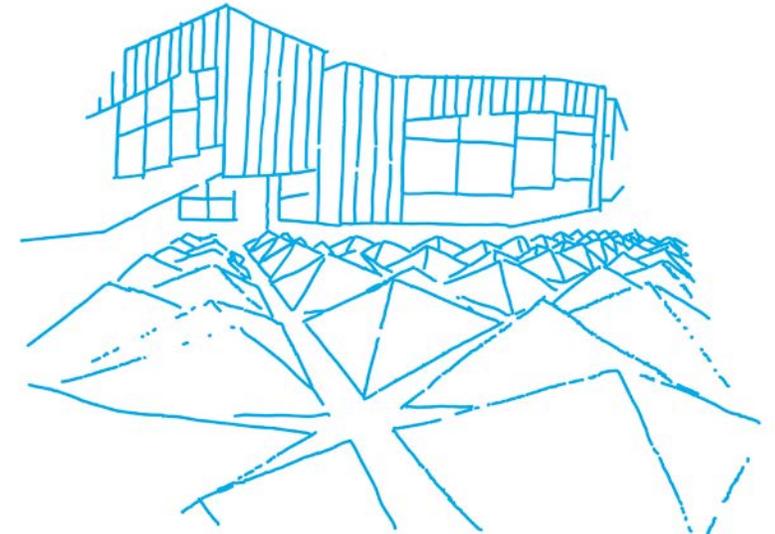
**2026 GFFC**

**Global Forum for Financial Consumers**

**University of Konstanz, Germany**

**by IAFICO**

**August 20-21, 2026**



# 2026 GFFC – Call for Papers

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*.

# 2026 GFFC – Topics

We welcome submissions 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

# 2026 GFFC – Submission Information

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)*.

# 2026 GFFC – Travel Scholarship

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.

# 2026 GFFC – 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).

# 2026 GFFC – 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.



# Conference Venue – University of Konstanz

In the heart of Europe ...

Address:

University of Konstanz  
Universitätsstraße 10  
Germany, 78464 Konstanz

<https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en>

The University of Konstanz is  
Germany's southernmost  
university



# Conference Venue – How to travel to Konstanz

- The nearest *international airports* to Konstanz are in
  - **Zurich** (ZRH): 1 hour, ~75 km, **recommended!**  
<https://www.flughafen-zuerich.ch/en/passengers>
  - **Stuttgart** (2-3 hours) ~180 km
  - **Frankfurt am Main** (FRA): 5-6 hours, ~360 km  
<https://www.frankfurt-airport.com/en>
- The best option to reach Konstanz is from **Zurich airport** by **train**
- The train station is located directly underneath the airport. Trains run every half hour (with direct trains every hour) and take approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- Train tickets are available at the ticket machines in the train station or online:  
<https://network.sbb.ch/en/station/ZFH/target/KO>
- **Detailed information** on how to reach Konstanz can be found here:  
[www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/life-in-konstanz/transportation](http://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/international-office/life-in-konstanz/transportation)



# Conference Venue – Local Transport

- From Konstanz *train station* to *University of Konstanz*
- Bus lines: *9A* and *9B*
- Travel time: 10-15 minutes, frequent departures
  
- The BODENSEECARD WEST is a free guest card provided by your hotel upon arrival.
- It allows you to *travel free of charge* on buses and regional trains.
  
- Detailed local bus plans:  
<https://www.stadtwerke-konstanz.de/mobilitaet/bus/fahrplaene>
  
- Information on how to reach the University of Konstanz:  
<https://www.uni-konstanz.de/fr/university/about-the-university-of-konstanz/travel-and-campus-map/>



# Possible Accommodation Options in Konstanz

Central, close to train station and Lake Constance

HOTEL VIVA SKY

Hotel Barbarossa

Hotel Alte Post

HARBR.hotel Konstanz

Budget Hotel Options (good public transport access)

Ibis Konstanz

Ibis Budget Konstanz

B&B Hotel Konstanz



# Suggestions & Recommendations

## Enjoy Konstanz and Lake of Konstanz

- Visit Mainau Island (famous flower island)
- Walk along the harbor and lake promenade
- Explore the historic old town
- Take a boat trip on Lake of Konstanz

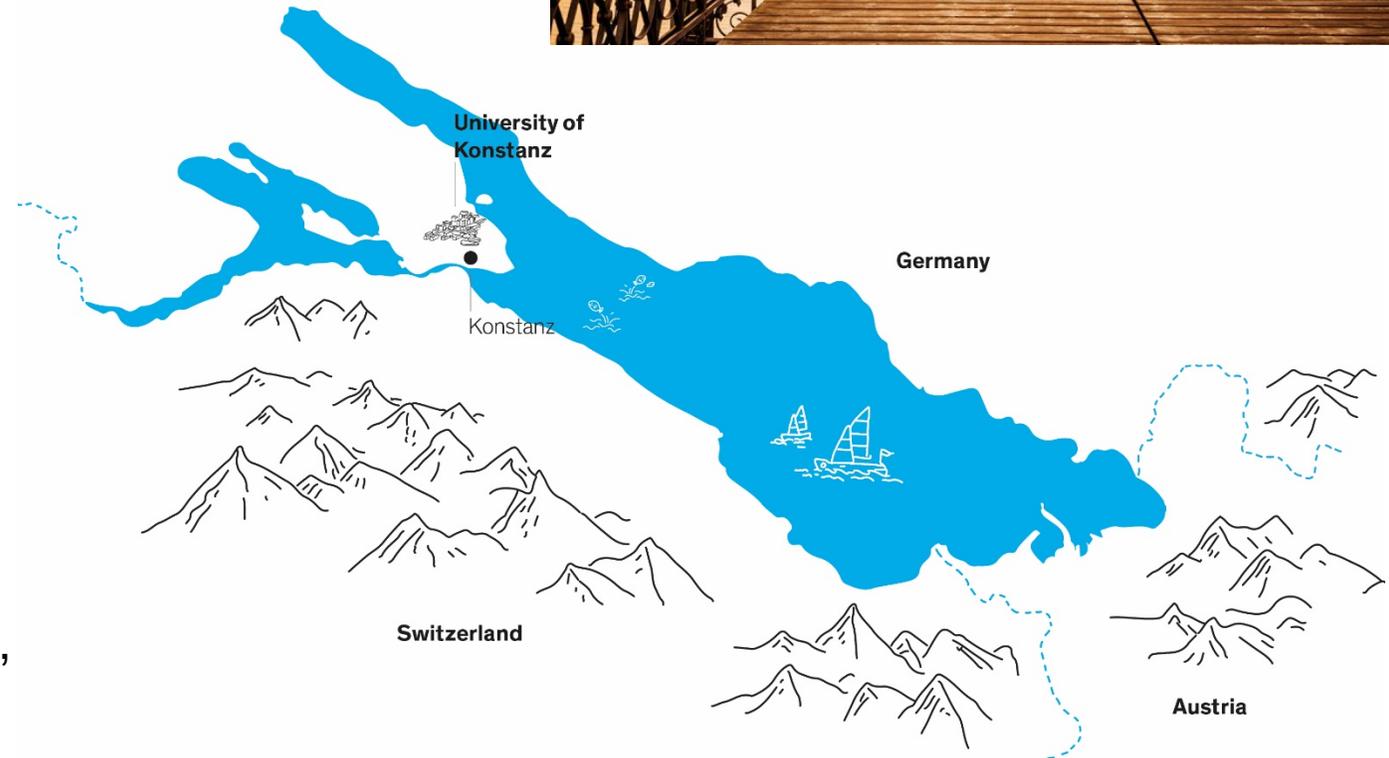
## Travel Tips

- Book hotels early (August is high tourist season)
- Public transport is reliable and easy to use
- Konstanz ist very walkable and safe



# University of Konstanz – Between lake and Alps

- Konstanz is a beautiful city with a *medieval centre* located on the shores of Lake Constance ("Bodensee")
- Historically known for the *Council of Constance* (1414–1418), which ended the *Western Schism* (1378–1417) and resolved the coexistence of three popes
- The lake borders *Austria*, *Switzerland* and *Germany*
- The region offers great *leisure opportunities* such as watersports, hiking, cycling, climbing, skiing and snowboarding



# University of Konstanz – Where we are: Lake Constance and Rhine River



Switzerland

Lake Constance  
(Bodensee – Untersee)

Germany

Rhine River

Lake Constance  
(Bodensee - Obersee)

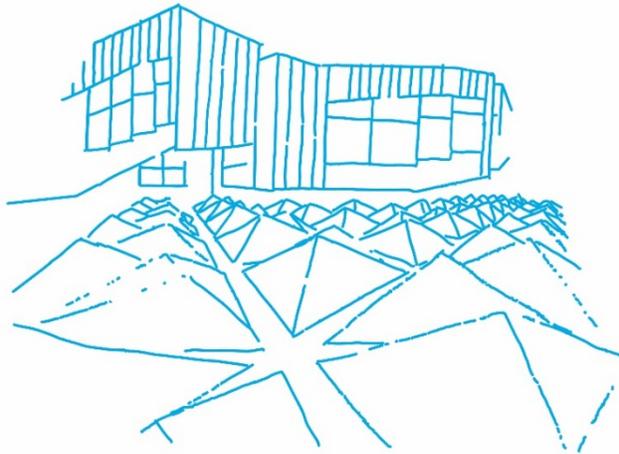
# University of Konstanz – Where we are: Lake and Alps



# The University of Konstanz – Who we are

## A young university

- founded in 1966
- campus built in 1972
- ca. 10,000 students
- ca. 290 professors

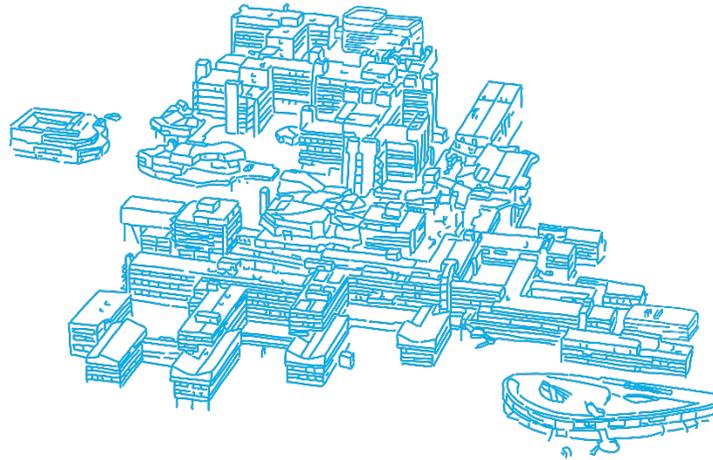


## The founding principles of the university

- a departmental structure and a *flat hierarchy*
- an *interdisciplinary* approach to research, manifested in a campus university
- *performance-based* internal funding allocation

# The University of Konstanz – Who we are

3 faculties  
13 departments



## 3. Faculty of Politics, Law, Economics

- Politics and Public Administration
- Law
- *Economics*

## 2. Faculty of Humanities

- History, Sociology, Sport Science, Empirical Educational Research
- Literature, Art and Media Studies
- Philosophy
- Linguistics

## 1. Faculty of Sciences

- Mathematics and Statistics
- Computer and Information Science
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Psychology



Mainau  
Island

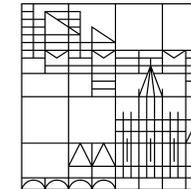
Venue of the  
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# The University of Konstanz – Conference rooms





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# We look forward to welcoming you in Konstanz for the 2026 GFFC!

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Short presentation videos:

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watch?v=skMGNn9H0ug](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skMGNn9H0ug)