



Building for the Future: The Economics of Infrastructure and Sustainable Development

July 2-3, 2026

UCLouvain, Belgium

CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline: March 31, 2026

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The workshop **“Building for the Future”** will take place at **UCLouvain** (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium). The event is co-organized by L. Bertinelli, E. Graus (**University of Luxembourg**), J.-F. Maystadt and S. Peracchi (**UCLouvain**), with the support of the **FNR** and **FNRS** through the **ROAD project**.

Keynote Speakers

- **Rémi Jedwab** (George Washington University)
- **Dzhamilya Nigmatulina** (HEC Lausanne)

Theme and Scope

Infrastructure development is a crucial determinant of economic and social outcomes—shaping market access, environmental sustainability, spatial mobility, and welfare. As developing countries pursue economic transformation, understanding the multifaceted impacts of infrastructure is more important than ever.

The workshop brings together **junior and senior researchers in development economics** to explore the consequences of infrastructure expansion in low- and middle-income countries. We welcome contributions from empirical, theoretical, and policy perspectives.

Submission Guidelines

- **Deadline:** March 31, 2026
- **Format:** Full papers are preferred; extended abstracts (min. 1,000 words) will also be considered.
- **Submission email:** jean-francois.maystadt@uclouvain.be
- Authors will be notified of decisions **by mid-April 2026.**

Contact

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Additional information will be provided on the event webpage:

<https://www.uclouvain.be/en/research-institutes/lidam/ires/events/workshop-building-for-the-future>



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