



Call for Papers

Maastricht Observatory for Responsible, Resilient and Sustainable Societies, Economies and Enterprises

5th Annual Conference 2025

Track: Macroeconomic News and Uncertainty

Maastricht, the Netherlands, 22-23-25 October 2025

Track Chairs:

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Description of the track

Recent advances in computational methods, coupled with the increasing availability of large-scale (text) data, have enabled researchers to systematically analyze the role of news and information flows in shaping economic expectations. Integrating insights from economics, finance, data science, and communication studies has helped to assess how economic agents process news, how uncertainty propagates through markets and institutions, and how policymakers can respond to evolving information landscapes.

This track aims to explore the role of news and information flows in shaping economic expectations, decision-making, and macroeconomic dynamics. We welcome theoretical, empirical, and methodological contributions that advance our understanding of how news affects uncertainty and economic behavior.

Examples of relevant research topics may include

- Measurement of macroeconomic uncertainty
- Measuring economic (policy) news and their effect on economic outcomes
- Text analysis and machine learning approaches to extract economic signals from news media
- The role of central bank communication in shaping macroeconomic expectations
- Theoretical and empirical approaches to understanding uncertainty propagation
- Sentiment analysis and its link to economic uncertainty
- The relationship between news, expectations, and business cycle fluctuations
- High-frequency approaches to macroeconomic uncertainty using financial news
- International spillovers of economic news and global uncertainty
- Advances in computational methods for news-based macroeconomic forecasting

The deadline for submissions is **17 August, 2025**.

All submissions **must use the submission procedure** on the webpage otherwise they will not be considered for review.

Submit your paper writing to morse-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

The registration for the MORSE conference 2025 will be open **until 21 September, 2025**.

Register **clicking on the green button** – when active - on the conference homepage, and in case of problems write to morse-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl