

Call for Papers | 4th International Workshop on Organizational Legitimacy

8-9 June, 2026 |  Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence (France)

We are delighted to announce the **4th International Workshop on Organizational Legitimacy**, themed: **Advancing Legitimacy Frontiers: New Perspectives and Challenges**

Building on the success of the previous editions at **the University of Lausanne (2023)**, **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2024)**, and **EMLYON (2025)** this workshop continues to provide an international forum for advancing legitimacy research in management and organization studies.

The workshop aims to:

- Advance state-of-the-art legitimacy research
- Provide developmental feedback on research-in-progress
- Foster collaboration and intellectual exchange among scholars

Topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Cross-border and transnational legitimization processes
- Temporal dynamics of legitimacy judgment formation and change
- Legitimacy in digital and AI-driven organizational contexts
- Legitimacy and organizational responses to grand challenges
- Novel approaches to measuring and operationalizing legitimacy
- Legitimacy at the intersection of multiple institutional logics
- Inclusive, minority, and migrant entrepreneurship and legitimacy
- States of legitimacy along the legitimacy–illegitimacy continuum

Who should apply?

Scholars at **all career stages** are welcome. **Early-career researchers** (PhD students, postdocs, assistant professors) are especially encouraged to submit.

Submission Guidelines

- Extended abstract (up to 1,000 words, excluding references)
- **Submission deadline:** 15th February 2026
- **Notification of acceptance:** 15 March 2026

Submit to:

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More information:

<https://legitimacy-research.org/workshop-aix/>

Registration fee (meals and a gala dinner included) - Payment details will be provided to the selected participants via email upon final confirmation.

- PhD students: €80
- Faculty (early bird registration by 15 May): €150
- Faculty (regular): €200

Participating Experts include:

- **Alex Bitektine**, Concordia University, Canada
- **Björn Claes**, The Open University, United Kingdom
- **Patrick Haack**, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
- **Laura Illia**, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- **Anna Jasienko**, University of St Gallen, Switzerland
- **Gerardo Patriotta**, Bath School of Management, Bath, United Kingdom
- **Eric Schoon**, The Ohio State University, USA
- **Sonia S. Siraz**, emlyon business school, Lyon, France
- **Roy Suddaby**, University of Victoria, USA
- **Eero Vaara**, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

The experts will give presentations, lead developmental roundtables, and facilitate interactive discussions.

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The Organization's team:

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