

The Inaugural Space Economy Conference

A two-day **developmental** event focused on the Space Economy, featuring selected paper presentations in **Strategy, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation**. Invitations will be extended to authors of selected submissions and senior faculty discussants. The event is designed to accelerate top-tier, publication-ready research by pairing selected papers with senior faculty discussants and creating structured opportunities for research team formation and collaboration.



Event Details

- 📅 Submission Deadline: November 2026
- 📅 Spring 2027, Date (TBC)
- 📍 Local host: Imperial College London
(School of Convergence Science)

Capped to 20 paper presentations and 12 poster presentations

TWO-DAY EVENT FEATURING:

- Paper presentation sessions (each with senior faculty discussants)
- Panels and keynotes
- Structured networking

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

The inaugural conference will also **celebrate and honor Professor Christopher Tucci** in recognition of his lifelong contributions and service to the management research community

ORGANIZED BY

Space Economy Community



Submission Themes

submissions encouraged, but not limited, across the following areas:

- Business Models & Commercialization
- Ecosystems/Platforms/Orchestration
- Cooperation & Competitive Dynamics
- Open & Multi-Actor Innovation
- Contracts/Procurement/Governance
- Methods, Data & Research Design
- Phenomenon-Driven Research
- Sustainability & Commons Governance
- International Space Business
- Power/Political Economy & Alternative Forms
- Teams, Leadership & High-Reliability Organizing
- Work, Well-being & Identity in Frontier /Extreme Contexts
- Entrepreneurship & Institutions
(incl. dual-use)
- Space, Security & Resilient Infrastructure

Academic Track

From Submission to Publication

- 1 Submit a paper to enter
- 2 Get invited to present at the conference
Be among the 20 invited papers or 12 posters to present at the conference
- 3 Move toward special issue proposals in top-tier journals
Promising research from conference-stage discussion will be guided toward three special issue proposals at major FT50 journals (in development)

Professional Track

Parallel Engagement & Shark Tank Finale

- 1 Submit a professionally screened slide deck
- 2 Participate in dedicated sessions with industry professionals
& "Speed dating" lunch with practitioners and academics
- 3 Join the "Shark Tank" Finale
Where VCs and leading academics will evaluate the top pitches, offering exposure to investors

More details will be shared at the PDW
"Space Economy: Consolidating a Management Research Agenda"
at the 2026 Academy of Management Annual Meeting

Registration Open Now

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