

Call for Papers

Mobility in a Globalised World **2026**



12th Conference on Mobility in a Globalised World

1. Call for Papers

- Mobility in a Globalised World 2026
- Theme: Mobility × Resilience – Society, Security and Business Models in Transition
- Date: April 14–15, 2026
- Venue: DHBW Heilbronn, Germany
- Web: www.migw.de

2. Introduction

The international conference *Mobility in a Globalised World (MiGW)* addresses current issues of mobility, digitalisation, and societal transformation. Building on previous conferences, MiGW 2026 once again provides an interdisciplinary platform for academia, industry, administration, and policy to foster dialogue between research and practice.

Mobility today means far more than the transport of people and goods. It represents the ability of societies, organisations, and individuals to move, adapt, and remain resilient in a rapidly changing environment. MiGW 2026 expands the concept of mobility by focusing not only on transport and logistics but also on the mobility of societies (e.g. resilience, civil protection, critical infrastructure security) and the mobility of business models (e.g. driven by digitalisation, decarbonisation, and geopolitical shifts).

3. Conference Schedule

The conference takes place over two days:

- April 14, 2026 (Tuesday): Arrival and informal get-together in Heilbronn at 5 p.m. , followed by a joint dinner at a local restaurant.
- April 15, 2026 (Wednesday): Main conference day. Sessions start at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m..

4. Submission of Contributions

We invite submissions of scientific papers, practical case studies, and discussion papers that address the topics listed above from empirical, conceptual, or theoretical perspectives.

Types of Contributions

- Scientific Papers: 6–10 pages (in English or German, anonymised, doubleblind review).
- Practical Papers: 2–4 pages, experience reports from industry, administration, or associations.
- Posters and Projects: Presentation of ongoing research or practical initiatives.

Please submit an abstract (300–500 words) and the full paper as a PDF by the submission deadline to the Organisator of the conference Prof. Dr. Niels Biethahn (Niels.Biethahn@dhbw.de).



5. Important Dates

- January 15, 2026: Deadline for panel and special session proposals
- January 31, 2026: Deadline for abstracts and papers
- February 15, 2026: Notification of acceptance
- March 31, 2026: Final paper submission (camera-ready)
- April 14–15, 2026: Conference at DHBW Heilbronn

6. Publication

All accepted and peer-reviewed papers will be published in a refereed conference volume. Selected outstanding papers may be invited for publication in special issues of academic journals.

7. Conference Language

German and English. Contributions and presentations are welcome in both languages.

8. Registration and Fees

Participation in the conference is free of charge. Conference materials and coffee breaks will be provided. Lunch is available at the excellent campus cafeteria (Mensa) on the Bildungscampus at participants' own expense.

9. Venue

Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg (DHBW) Heilbronn
Bildungscampus, Heilbronn, Germany

Meals will be served in the campus cafeteria (Mensa) located directly on site.

10. Organisation

Conference Chair / Local Chair: Prof. Dr. Niels Biethahn, DHBW Heilbronn

Programme Committee: Representatives from academia, industry, and administration
(to be announced on the website)

11. Scientific Committee

Prof. Dr. Niels Biethahn, DHBW Heilbronn, Germany

Prof. Dr. Alexander Dobhan, HAW Würzburg-Schweinfurt, Germany

Prof. Dr. Laurent Guihéry, Université de Cergy-Pontoise, France

Prof. Dr. Wilfried Honekamp, University of Applied Sciences Stralsund, Germany

Prof. Dr. Günter Koch, Humboldt Cosmos Multiversity, Spain

Dr. Reinhard Kolke, Director of ADAC's test and technical services unit, Germany

Prof. Dr. Jan Muntermann, University of Augsburg, Germany

Prof. Dr. Eric Sucky, University of Bamberg, Germany

Prof. Michael Vogelsang, University of Applied Sciences Ruhr-West

Prof. Dr. Jan Werner, Mayor of the City of Langen, Germany



12. Practice Partner

We are pleased to cooperate with Mobility Allstars as our official practice partner.

More information: www.mobility-allstars.com

About Mobility Allstars:

As a non-profit association, Mobility Allstars aims to accelerate the mobility transition in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland – enhancing quality of life and regional attractiveness. Every mode of transport has its situational justification.

Guided by the vision of promoting future-proof mobility solutions, the association seeks to create constructive pressure for change among decision-makers in politics and business. Such solutions are oriented toward the common good: they are sustainable, demand-driven, and simple, and thus represent the core of the mobility transition. Mobility Allstars provides a platform for mobility shapers to be heard and to learn from one another. The association supports key projects shaping the mobility transition and raises public awareness of them, fostering close cooperation between practice, politics, and academia.

13. Contact

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We look forward to your contributions and to inspiring discussions on the future of mobility!