

## CALL FOR PAPERS

# IV Regional Conference on Payments and Financial Market Infrastructures

Mexico City, Mexico, December 7-8, 2026

Payment systems and financial market infrastructures (FMIs) are undergoing a profound transformation, creating unprecedented opportunities as well as significant challenges, particularly for emerging market economies. Rapid technological innovation is reshaping the financial landscape and reinforcing the need to strengthen and modernize FMIs so that they continue to serve as a safe, efficient, and resilient backbone of the financial system. While these developments can promote efficiency, competition, and financial inclusion, they also raise important public policy questions related to governance, risk management, oversight, and the evolving roles of public and private actors. Against this backdrop, the Center for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA) and the Banco de la República-Colombia invite researchers and practitioners to contribute to a rigorous exchange of ideas and present cutting-edge research on recent developments in payments and FMIs.

### Topics

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We encourage submissions on, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Developments in retail payments and policy implications: Fintech, fast payments, central bank digital currencies (CBDC), and public versus private provision of retail payment services.
- Developments in wholesale FMIs: custody, trading, liquidity, settlement, and risk management.
- Developments in cross-border payments: Fintech, integration of fast payments, multi central bank digital currencies (m-CBDC), and other emerging business models.
- Payment regulation: cybersecurity, interchange fees, accessibility and interoperability, regulatory sandboxes, and new payment service providers.
- Cash and cashless payments: trends and factors driving the use of alternative payment methods.
- FMI, financial stability, and monetary policy.
- New technologies in FMIs: use of distributed ledger technology (DLT), artificial intelligence (AI), and machine learning (ML).
- Novel applications of FMI datasets: use of new datasets, big data or data science in financial stability, monetary policy, financial supervision, oversight, and regulation.

## Submission and relevant dates

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For submission, preference will be given to completed papers, but summaries and extended abstracts will also be considered. However, only completed papers will be accepted for presentation at the conference. Papers should be submitted to: [dimf@cemla.org](mailto:dimf@cemla.org)

- July 3, 2026: Submission deadline
- September 14, 2026: Decision results
- October 9, 2026: Submission of final version of accepted papers

The event is designed as a fully onsite experience to enhance dialogue, engagement, and collaborative exchange during the conference. Exceptionally, a limited number of hybrid presentations may be accommodated through a prioritized selection process that considers both the significance of the submitted work and the timeliness of the author's request. Presenting authors are expected to secure funding for their travel and accommodation through their respective institutions.

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## Publication

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Authors of selected papers for the conference will be invited to submit their work to the Latin American Journal of Central Banking (<https://www.cemla.org/lajcb/index.html>).