

## 4th Scientific Workshop on Productivity

### Call for Papers

Berlin, 24-25 August 2026

We are pleased to announce that the fourth Scientific Workshop on Productivity will take place on 24-25 August 2026 and will be hosted jointly by the **German Council of Economic Experts** (GCEE) in its capacity as the National Productivity Board, the **German Institute for Economic Research** (DIW Berlin), and the **Institute of Energy Economics at the University of Cologne** (EWI).

The event will provide scholars with the opportunity to present and discuss their recent work on productivity developments and drivers. It is also a great platform to identify areas for further academic work and to foster new collaborations. A **keynote** presentation will be held by **Daniel Yi Xu**, David Rubenstein Distinguished Professor of Economics, Duke University.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Productivity dispersion, frontier vs. laggard firms, and the productivity gap
- Firm dynamics, reallocation of capital and labour, and creative destruction
- Digital technologies like artificial intelligence, diffusion and productivity gains
- Automation, new technologies, and the labour market
- Energy transformation and implications for productivity

We invite submissions of papers with a theoretical, quantitative or empirical focus. We will assign discussants to each paper presented at the conference. Presenters are expected to be available to serve as discussants as well. Papers using publicly available data and new methods are particularly welcome.

There is no fee for attending. Meals, snacks, and drinks will be provided free of charge during the workshop.

#### **Submission guidelines and timetable:**

We welcome submissions of a full paper (preferred) or an extended abstract by **10 May 2026** via email to [produktivitaetsdialog@svr-wirtschaft.de](mailto:produktivitaetsdialog@svr-wirtschaft.de). In your email, please state whether you would be willing to serve as a discussant.

Decisions will be communicated no later than at the beginning of July. The full paper is expected to be made available to the discussant by the beginning of August.