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THE 13TH CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND COOPERATION 2025 (CIECI 2025)

"EMPOWERING FUTURE: TRADE, INNOVATION AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT"

22 October 2025 – Hanoi, Vietnam

The University of Economics and Business, Vietnam National University - Hanoi (VNU-UEB) is proud to announce the 13th annual International Conference on International Economic Cooperation and Integration (CIECI 2025). This year's conference, themed **"EMPOWERING FUTURE: TRADE, INNOVATION AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT,"** aims to explore how **international trade, groundbreaking innovation, and inclusive development** serve as the three pivotal pillars for fostering a more resilient, equitable, and prosperous future. CIECI 2025 is organized by the University of Economics and Business, Vietnam National University - Hanoi (VNU-UEB), in collaboration with The University of Adelaide (Australia), Rangsit University (Thailand), Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridsk (Bulgaria), University of National and World Economy (Bulgaria), Confab 360 Degree (India), Foreign Trade University, University of Economics and Law – VNU HCMC and Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam. This event will provide a dynamic platform for scholars and researchers to exchange ideas, foster meaningful dialogue, share best practices, and develop actionable solutions that lead the way toward a more equitable and sustainable future in the context of trade development, innovation, and inclusive growth. The conference is expected to be held on 22 October 2025 in VNU-UEB.

[1] RATIONALE

In an increasingly complex global landscape, traditional growth models face significant limitations, especially for developing economies. This conference posits that a paradigm shift in growth drivers is imperative for future empowerment, with dynamic international trade, transformative innovation, and inclusive development emerging as critical new engines.

Vietnam, a dynamic developing economy, the pursuit of new growth drivers is particularly salient. This approach aligns directly with the spirit of the newly adopted Resolution 59-NQ/TW of the Politburo on "International integration in the new situation". This resolution provides a strong foundation for enhancing international trade and innovation to

achieve inclusive development, ensuring that the benefits of integration are shared broadly across all segments of society. Furthermore, this conference's theme aligns with other key national policies, such as the Party's Resolution 57-NQ/TW on breakthrough development of science, technology, innovation and national digital transformation. The resolution emphasizes that science, technology, and innovation are decisive factors for national development and a prerequisite for Vietnam to become a strong and prosperous nation in a new era. This resonates with the "Innovation" pillar of our conference, which seeks to unleash creative potential for future empowerment. Similarly, Resolution 68-NQ/TW on developing the private economy clearly states the need to eliminate prejudices, create breakthrough conditions, and unlock resources for private sector development, recognizing entrepreneurs as crucial actors. This underscores the importance of an enabling environment for "Trade" and private businesses, including those led by women, to thrive and contribute to overall future empowerment.

The conference aims to analyze into how optimizing international trade strategies, fostering a culture of innovation, and ensuring inclusive development—with a strong emphasis on women's full participation—can serve as the fundamental pillars for Vietnam's sustained growth and comprehensive future empowerment.

In alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities), Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), CIECI 2025 aims to explore the multifaceted relationship between international trade, innovation, and inclusive development in fostering a sustainable and equitable future.

[2] KEY TOPICS

We invite submissions that explore theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented aspects related to the conference themes. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

I. International Trade as a Driver for Future Empowerment

- Reshaping global trade rules and frameworks to create more equitable and sustainable opportunities for all in the future.
- The role of digital trade and e-commerce in expanding access to markets and empowering underserved populations globally.
- Harnessing international trade to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns for a more empowered future.
- Analyzing the impact of regional trade agreements and international economic integration on future economic resilience and shared prosperity.
- Exploring new trade models and value chains that foster inclusive growth and future human development.
- The role of trade facilitation measures in enhancing economic participation, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
- The impact of trade-related policies on employment and income distribution

II. Fostering Inclusive Development for a Prosperous Future

- The role of women, youth, and marginalized communities in driving inclusive economic growth.
- Harnessing the power of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and social enterprises for inclusive development.
- Advancing women's leadership roles in global governance, trade negotiations, and innovative industries.
- Strategies for fostering women's entrepreneurial ecosystems for future economic growth and societal impact.
- The transformative power of women's collective action and grassroots movements in shaping future development trajectories.
- Investing in women's education and skills development to equip them for the jobs and challenges of the future economy.
- Promoting gender-responsive policies and legal frameworks to ensure women's full and equitable participation in all spheres of future society.

III. Innovation and Technology for Future Empowerment

- Leveraging frontier technologies (e.g., AI, IoT, biotech) to address grand challenges and empower communities globally.
- Fostering innovation ecosystems that democratize access to technology and drive inclusive future development.
- The ethical implications and governance frameworks for ensuring responsible innovation that truly empowers future generations.
- Transforming education and workforce development through technological innovation to prepare individuals for the future of work.
- Designing smart cities and sustainable infrastructures through innovation to enhance quality of life and empower future societies.
- Digital transformation and its impact on productivity and competitiveness.
- Strategies for bridging the digital divide and promoting digital literacy.

IV. Synergies for Comprehensive Future Empowerment

- Integrated policy approaches for simultaneously advancing women's empowerment, inclusive trade, and responsible innovation towards a sustainable future.
- Case studies and best practices demonstrating how the intersection of women, international trade, and innovation drives holistic future empowerment.
- The role of international cooperation and partnerships in leveraging these three pillars for global future development.
- Measuring and evaluating the combined impact of women's participation, trade liberalization, and technological advancement on future well-being and prosperity.
- Visions for a future empowered by equitable opportunities, interconnected global economies, and groundbreaking innovation

- Building resilient and adaptive governance frameworks to manage the complexities of global integration.
- The role of public-private partnerships in catalyzing inclusive and sustainable development

[3] PUBLICATIONS OPPORUNITIES

Selected high-quality papers will be considered for publication in:

- International Conference Proceedings with ISBN
- VNU Journal of Economics and Business (JEB) - Special Issue December 2025
- Journal of Economic Boundaries And Transformation - Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" - Special Issue
- Journal of Information and Optimization Sciences (Indexed MJL.Clarivate - ISSN / eISSN: 0252-2667/2169-0103)

Some selected SCOPUS journals:

- Prabandhan: Indian Journal of Management (ISSN: 0975-2854)
- Indian Journal of Finance (ISSN: 0973-8711)
- International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education (ISSN/eISSN: 1757-5648 / 1757-5656)

[4] SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Manuscript must be written in **ENGLISH** in academic style, with **maximum of 6000 words** (including references and appendix)
- Submission formatting requirements is in the attachment
- **Submission portal**: **https://forms.gle/bnmxL3t6PV37sZuG6**

[5] IMPORTANT DATES

No.	Content	Early bird	Regular
1.	Manuscript Submission	15 July 2025	27 August 2025
2.	Revision or Rejection Notification	30 July 2025	08 September 2025
3.	Manuscript Revision Submission (after double-blind review)	15 August 2025	18 September 2025
4.	Registration deadline	22 August 2025	22 September 2025
5.	Conference Date	22 October 2025	

[6] CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION FEE

A participation fee of 2 million VND (80 USD) will be applied to ACCEPTED PAPER of CIECI 2025.

30% Discount (Fee = 1.4 million VND or 56 USD)

- Participants from co-organizers
- Early bird paper submission

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Abstract

*A single paragraph of about **300 words maximum**. We strongly encourage authors to use the following style of structured abstracts, but without headings: (1) Background: Place the question addressed in a broad context and highlight the purpose of the study; (2) Methods: briefly describe the main methods or treatments applied; (3) Results: summarize the article's main findings; (4) Conclusions: indicate the main conclusions or interpretations.*

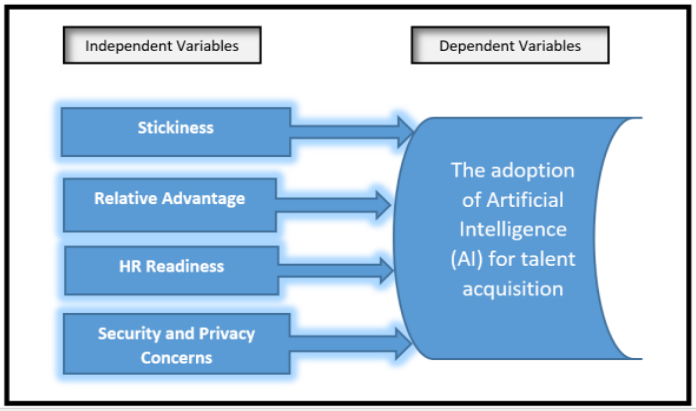
Keywords: *Please include 4-5 appropriate keywords. They should be in an alphabetical order and be separated by commas.*

1. Introduction

The purpose of the introduction is to arouse the reader's attention and provide a general overview of the paper.

2. Literature Review

A literature review is a survey of scholarly sources (such as books, journal articles, and theses) related to a specific topic or research question. It is often written as part of a thesis, dissertation, or research paper, in order to situate your work in relation to existing knowledge.



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3. Methodology

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4. Results

This section should be organized in order to answer each of your research questions

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5. Discussion and Conclusion

The conclusion is the final, overall summary of the entire paper. The conclusions should generally be listed in the order of 1), 2), 3), ..., or structured as paragraphs.

This section should completely, accurately, and concisely point out the principles and their generalizability revealed by the results of the investigations or experiments on the research subjects; whether there are any exceptions found in the research or problems that are difficult to explain and solve in the paper; the similarities and differences to other research work (including to that of the authors themselves); the theoretical and practical significance and the value of the paper

6. Limitations and Further Study

No study covers all aspects of a research problem. The author(s) should therefore discuss the limitations or gaps in the study. The future scope or plan of the study should also be identified.

7. References

For citations, please follow an APA style.

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