



Call for Papers

Workshop on the Role of Pension Funds in the Sustainability Transition

Date: Thursday 4 June 2026

Location: Amsterdam Business School, University of Amsterdam

The organizing committee is pleased to invite submissions for a specialized academic workshop examining how Dutch pension funds shape markets, corporate behavior and environmental outcomes. The workshop aims to bring together researchers in finance and business studies focused on investment decisions of pension funds, their governance structures, and the consequences of their strategies for firms, markets, and the environment. The aim is to host interactive sessions with presentations, panel discussion and network opportunities. This event is part of a NWO project coordinated by Netspar.

We welcome research with a focus on pension asset management interactions with business and the sustainability transition.

Topics of interest include (not limited to):

- Pension fund engagement and stewardship
- Institutional investor influence on corporate strategies for sustainability
- Long-term investment behavior, governance and climate risk
- Voting behavior and its influence on corporate policies and business models

Confirmed speakers include dr. Esther Eiling (University of Amsterdam), dr. Rients Galema (Utrecht University), Prof. dr. Bert Scholtens (University of Groningen), Prof. dr. Paul Smeets (University of Amsterdam) and dr. Laurens Swinkels (Eramus University Rotterdam).

Submission guidelines and registration

- Extended abstracts or full papers may be submitted through our website ([link](#))
- Submission deadline: 5 April
- There are no fees for this event

You can register for the event [here](#) indicating if you want to present, act as discussant or only attend (noting capacity is limited for this event)

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