

R&D Management Workshop 2026 in Seoul

The Future of R&D Management in the Era of AI
May 29-30, 2026
Korea University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Call for Papers



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Welcome to the R&D Management Workshop 2026 in Korea

The Korean Society for Innovation Management and Economics (KOSIME) and Institute for Government Studies, Korea University, together with the RADMA and the R&D Management, invite you to our inaugural R&D Management Workshop 2026 in Seoul.

The Republic of Korea, the land of the calm morning, is called one of the four tigers of Asia and has established itself as a country that has successfully achieved economic growth based on technological innovation. Korea has developed a unique model of technological innovation that has attracted the attention of both developed and developing countries and has actively engaged in exchanges with technological innovation scholars from Asia and around the world, contributing to strengthening in-depth academic discussions in the fields of technological innovation and R&D management. This workshop aims to connect and develop this scholarly community in Korea, Asia and over the world and create visibility and accessibility for R&D Management for scholars in the region.

In terms of scholarly content, this R&D Management Workshop attempts to address the challenges, dynamics and trends of R&D management in Korea, Asia and the world. The goal is to better understand the progress of R&D and innovation management, strategy, and policy by addressing key issues in research and practice. These bear significant implications for scholars, practitioners and policymakers alike.

The two-day workshop will include both a scholarly a social program, including a variety of sessions, as well as lunches, coffee breaks, and a joint workshop social dinner.

We look forward to connecting with all of you in Seoul!

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I. Workshop Overview and Themes

The R&D Management Seoul workshop is interested in research that directly broadens the understanding of transformative innovation in the era of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.). A.I. is an enabling technology that is completely changing our society, economy, culture, and even the way we innovate. The R&D Management Seoul workshop seeks to find answers to the future of R&D Management in this era of change. The workshop aims to advance academic discussion on the challenges, dynamics, and policy implications of R&D and innovation management in Korea, Asia, and globally, thereby generating insights for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers.

The two-day workshop fosters scholarly and practical conversations on transformative innovation in the era of Artificial Intelligence (henceforth, AI). The Call for Papers for the R&D Management Workshop is open to a broad range of themes, including but not limited to the following:

- **R&D Management in the era of AI**
 - How is AI reshaping R&D and innovation processes across industries?
 - How does AI transform the role of human expertise in R&D and innovation management?
 - What organizational structure do we need to cope with AI transformation?
 - What ethical and regulatory challenges emerge with AI?

- **AI application and industrial AI**
 - How does AI enhance productivity?
 - What are the barriers and enablers of AI adoption and diffusion in firms?
 - What organizational capabilities are required to scale industrial AI?

- **How to open R&D? – New R&D collaboration among the technology sovereignty**
 - How does open innovation accelerate frontier technologies (e.g., quantum, AI, biotech)?
 - How can international R&D collaboration be balanced with national technology sovereignty?
 - How do firms navigate geopolitical tensions in cross-border R&D collaboration?

- **New Industry – Beyond dichotomy of Manufacturing and Service**
 - How do AI and digital technology blur the boundary between manufacturing and service?
 - What new value chains emerge in industries combining physical and digital outputs?
 - How does AI accelerate the convergence of manufacturing and service into new industry modes?

- **Transformative innovation policy**
 - What governance approaches support and/or discourage transformative innovation in the era of AI?
 - In what ways can AI and digital technologies be embedded into transformative policy frameworks?
 - How can innovation policy drive societal transformation in the AI era?

II. Tentative Program

Day 1 (Friday, 29th May 2026)

Time	Program
9:00-9:30	✓ Arrival and Registration, Korea University
9:30-11:00	✓ Opening Remarks ✓ Keynote Speech 1 (Prof. Tim Minshall, University of Cambridge) ✓ Keynote Speech 1 (Dr. Woohyung Lim, LG AI Research)
11:00-11:15	✓ Coffee break
11:15-12:30	✓ Parallel sessions 1
12:30-13:30	✓ Lunch

13:30-14:45	✓ Parallel sessions 2
14:50-15:50	✓ Future of R&D Management Journal (Editor-in-chief, Alberto Di Minin) ✓ Meet the Editors (R&D Management, Research Policy, Technovation, Technological Forecasting and Social Change, Science and Public Policy)
16:00-17:15	✓ Parallel sessions 3
17:30-18:00	✓ Dinner and Networking, Award(Best Paper, Best Innovator)

* Speakers may change

Day 2 (Saturday, 30th May 2026)

Time	Program
9:00-10:15	✓ Parallel sessions 4 / Paper Development Workshop for Special Issue
10:30-12:00	✓ Parallel sessions 5 / PhD workshop
12:00-12:30	✓ Summary of R&D Management Workshop in Seoul
12:30 ~	✓ Culture Exploration (<i>Optional</i>)

III. Important Dates

Date	Event
October, 2025	✓ Call for Paper
February 28th, 2026	✓ Submission Deadline for Extended Abstract
March 20th, 2026	✓ Notification of Acceptance & Registration Opens
April 15th, 2026	✓ Delegate & Presenter Registration Deadline ✓ Submission of Full Papers (<i>Optional</i>)
May 1st, 2026	✓ Conference Program Available Online
May 29-30, 2026	✓ R&D Management Workshop

* Participants are asked to submit extended abstract (**1,000 words (max. 2,000), including references**) and Accepted authors can optionally submit a full paper for the consideration for the Best Paper Award.

IV. Practical Information

- The workshop homepage is <http://rnd2026seoul.com/>
- Authors who submitted a paper for Special Issue “(tentative title) R&D collaboration with AI¹” can apply for a paper development workshop which will be organized during the Seoul workshop.
- For accommodations, the following hotels are recommended with special rates
- Any questions on the Seoul Workshop, please send an e-mail to rnd.seoul.2026@gmail.com

¹ It is a tentative title, so it will be announced later on the workshop website.

V. Key Participants

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Keynote Speaker



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