

Academic Symposium 2026: In-Person Hub Guidelines

“Contracting in an Age of Uncertainty and Intelligence”

Date: 1st December – 3rd December 2026

Overview

As part of the Commerce & Contract Management Institute’s (CCM Institute) 2026 Academic Symposium (1st – 3rd of December 2026), the Academic Hubs are regional gatherings across Europe, America, and Asia, acting as focal points for academics and practitioners. These hubs offer participants a unique opportunity to engage in hands-on workshops, identify research gaps, and collaboratively develop new ideas and solutions

Key areas for exploration

- Judgment, Power, and the Limits of Automation
- Governing Value in Uncertain Ecosystems
- Designing and Proving Better CCM Operating Models
- Contracts as Systems of Intelligence

What to Expect

- **In-Depth Workshops** – Participate in focused, interactive sessions led by esteemed academic experts or experienced practitioners, tackling key challenges and reimagining contracts and contracting.
- **Networking and Knowledge Exchange** – Connect with like-minded professionals and cross-industry practitioners passionate about shaping the future of contracting. Exchange ideas, experiences, and insights to revolutionise research and practice.

Hub Journey (Offline)

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Begin with an introduction from the hub host and set the tone for the day.
- **Interactive Workshop on a Predetermined Theme** – Facilitated by local academic leaders or practitioners, participants will dive deep into the theme, identifying challenges and discussing innovative approaches.
- **Reimagining and Development Roundtables** – Collaboratively explore ideas for future research, new models, and solutions.
- **Networking and Informal Discussions** – Opportunities to connect, share experiences, and build professional relationships.
- **Document the Experience** – Please take a photo of the workshop in action!

Final Read-Out (Virtual) - 3rd of December 2026

After the in-person hubs, all participants will reconvene online for a global read-out session:

- **Hub Representatives Share** (15 minutes MAX)
- Outline the topic discussed
- Present key points and conclusions
- Share recommendations or action points for future research
- **Q&A Session** – Symposium participants engage with hub representatives for clarifications or further discussion.
- **Closing Remarks** – Summarising the key takeaways and next steps.
- **Slide Preparation** – If you plan to use slides during the shareout session, please let us know in advance so we can add them to the master deck.

For more information

Visit: <https://info.worldcc.com/academic-symposium-2026>

Final Notes

Feel free to reach out with any questions at anath@worldcc.com.

Thank you for your participation and enthusiasm in making the hubs a success!