

All authors seeking to present their work at HICL 2026, are invited to submit an abstract of 300 to 500 words. All accepted abstracts will be published in the conference booklet.

### Guidelines

Abstracts must be written in English.

Length is limited to 500 words.

Please assign your abstract to one of the above tracks.

Submit your abstract via ConfTool:

<https://www.conftool.pro/hicl2026/>

## CONFERENCE TRACKS

We invite empirical, theoretical, methodological, and practical contributions addressing topics in logistics and supply chain management related to one of the following tracks:

### Logistics Management and Operations, e.g.

- Urban Logistics and Last-Mile Delivery
- Maritime Logistics and Port Operations
- Multi-Modal Transportation Networks
- Competences and Organizational Structures in Logistics Systems
- Innovation, Leadership and Teams in Logistics Systems

### Advanced Logistics Technologies, e.g.

- Advanced Manufacturing and Material Flow Systems
- Robots and Automation in Logistics
- Digital Twin and Simulation of Logistics Systems
- Artificial Intelligence and Business Analytics
- Digital Logistics Platforms
- Case Studies and Best Practices

### Sustainability and Resilience, e.g.

- Climate-Resilient Transportation Systems
- Logistics Systems for the Circular Economy
- Social and Environmental Responsibility in Supply Chains
- Sustainability and Resilience Assessment
- Supply Chain Risk Management

We are delighted to announce the eighteenth Hamburg International Conference of Logistics (HICL 2026) and invite you to participate from **23-25 September 2026**.

The conference is hosted by Hamburg University of Technology (TUHH) and organized in cooperation with the Northern Institute of Technology Management (NIT).

HICL seeks to create an inspiring environment for researchers and professionals to discuss solutions, challenges, and responsibilities companies face in logistics and supply chain management. We provide a multidisciplinary network, and welcome scientific and practical contributions from different disciplines, including Business Administration, Economics, Engineering, Computer Science, Law, and Mathematics.

## KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

### Prof. Dr.-Ing. Alice Kirchheim

(Head of Fraunhofer IML)

“Automation on Two Legs?”

Humanoid Robots in Logistics.”



### Dr. Sven Gailus

(Managing Director Strategy  
Office, Hapag-Lloyd AG)



## FULL PAPERS

In addition to the abstract submission, authors have the option to submit a full paper after their contribution has been accepted for presentation at the conference. Submission of a **full paper is optional** and not required for participation.

Authors may therefore choose between the following two participation options:

Option 1 – Abstract + Conference Presentation

Option 2 – Abstract + Conference Presentation + Full Paper (Optional)

Accepted full papers will be published in the HICL 2026 conference proceedings, which will be available online and as a book (print on-demand). Each paper will receive an individual DOI to ensure long-term accessibility and citability.

## IMPORTANT DATES

01.03.26 - Submission and registration opens  
31.05.26 - Abstract submission closes  
15.06.26 - Acceptance notification  
15.07.26 - Registration deadline for presenting authors  
31.08.26 - Registration closes  
30.09.26 - Submission of full paper (optional)  
30.11.26 - Notification of review results of full paper  
15.01.27 - Submission of Camera-ready full paper  
March 27 - Publication of HICL proceedings

## PROGRAM 2026

The conference begins with the PhD workshop. The main conference days features keynote speeches, thematic sessions with networking breaks, including the conference dinner on thursday.

	Wed, 23.09.	Thu, 24.09.	Fri, 25.09.
09:00		Registration	
		<b>Opening and Keynote</b>	<b>Keynote</b>
	<b>PhD Workshop</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
12:00		Lunch Break	<b>Parallel Sessions</b>
		<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	Farewell Snack
15:00		<b>Parallel Sessions</b>	
	Registration		
18:00	<b>Networking Reception</b>	<b>Conference Dinner</b>	

## CONFERENCE FEES

Regular	390,00€
Phd. Workshop	60,00€

The registration fee covers

- Access to all conference sessions
- Conference materials included bag with printed conference brochure and online access to the book of abstracts
- Lunch, snacks and refreshments on both conference days
- Conference dinner on Thursday evening
- WiFi access at the conference location

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### Conference chairs

- Prof. Dr. Christian Thies
- Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Wolfgang Kersten
- Prof. Dr. Thorsten Blecker
- Prof. Dr. Christian M. Ringle
- Prof. Dr.-Ing. Carlos Jahn