



Press release

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Award of the 2026 Ieke van den Burg Prize for research on systemic risk

The 2026 Ieke van den Burg Prize for research on systemic risk has been awarded to the paper entitled “Banking on inattention” by Xu Lu and Lingxuan Wu. This follows a highly competitive selection process, involving peer reviews conducted by members of the Advisory Scientific Committee (ASC) of the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB).

The winning paper will be presented at the tenth annual conference of the ESRB on 1-2 October 2026.

The ASC also wishes to acknowledge the commendable quality of three papers that were runners-up for the prize:

- “Goeconomic competition and capital reallocation in global FX funding” by Amy Wang Huber and Yu An;
- “Hiding in plain sight: preferred habitat effects in short-term rates” by Edouard Mattille;
- “Regulatory model secrecy and bank reporting discretion” by Shuo Zhao.

A selection of the papers that competed for the prize will be published as part of the ESRB Working Paper Series.

The Ieke van den Burg Prize was established in memory of Ieke van den Burg, who passed away twelve years ago. She was a member of the inaugural ASC between 2011 and 2014 and a member of the European Parliament between 1999 and 2009. Ms van den Burg was dedicated to the notion that finance should serve society, and the prize is administered in that spirit.

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