## We Robot 2026 Call for Papers

We Robot is heading to Europe! Join us for the next We Robot conference in Berlin, Germany.

We eagerly invite submissions for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual We Robot Conference to be held on April 24 and 25, 2026, with a pre-conference workshop on April 23, 2026.

We Robot is an international peer-reviewed conference on law and policy relating to robotics. We Robot 2026 seeks contributions from academics, practitioners, artists, and polymaths in the form of scholarly papers, technological demonstrations, or posters. We invite submissions on a range of topics related to the legal, policy, ethical, economic, social, and/or cultural aspects of robotics and artificial intelligence. Our thoroughly interdisciplinary program committee particularly encourages papers with co-authors from different fields.

We warmly welcome submissions engaging diverse methodologies and exploring wide-ranging questions of robotics law & policy from interdisciplinary perspectives such as law, philosophy, engineering, human-robot interaction, society and technologies studies and other fields.

Hosted over the years by (inter alia) the law schools of Miami, Washington, Boston, Yale, Stanford, and Windsor, We Robot fosters conversations between the people designing, building, and deploying robots and the people who shape or experience the legal and social structures in which robots will operate.

If you have any questions about the submission processor technical issues with the Easy Chair submission, please email orga@werobot2026.eu.

We Robot 2026 will be an in-person event, but we are exploring ways to also allow for remote participation.

## **Important Dates**

Abstracts must be submitted through EasyChair (see below) by Monday November 17, 2025.

The Program Committee will return our decisions as quickly as possible. A date will soon be provided for the anticipated return of decisions.

Final papers will be due on March 17, 2026. Extensions may be granted with prior approval. Failure to submit on time may result in withdrawal of the submission.

## **Scholarly Papers**

We encourage you to peruse our thirteen years of previous conferences for examples of successful papers.

- We Robot 2025 (U. Windsor)
- We Robot 2023 (Boston U.)
- We Robot 2022 (U. Washington)
- We Robot 2021 (U. Miami)
- We Robot 2020 (U. Ottawa)
- We Robot 2019 (U. Miami)
- We Robot 2018 (Stanford)
- We Robot 2017 (Yale)
- We Robot 2016 (U. Miami)
- We Robot 2015 (U. Washington)
- We Robot 2014 (U. Miami)
- We Robot 2013 (Stanford)
- We Robot 2012 (U. Miami)

**How to Propose a Paper**. Papers should be submitted through the <u>conference submission portal</u>. Proposers will need to provide:

- 1. Title of the proposed paper and an abstract of between 500 and 1000 words. Submitters are cautioned that proposals that exceed the length limit will be rejected unread. In addition (not counted in the word limit) please provide a list of up to **5 key references** that you refer to in the paper that will help us understand how to situate your paper in the relevant literature;
- 2. Please do NOT put any names or biographical information in your uploaded proposal. However, on a separate sheet, please again without your name(s) or the name(s) of institutions or corporations list the current title of each contributor (e.g. "Ph. D candidate in Mechanical Engineering" or "Associate Professor of Anthropology" or "Chief Technologist at Robotics Startup"). We are asking for this information because in past years we have sometimes struggled to determine whether proposers had the experience or disciplinary breadth to deliver on certain types of ambitious proposals; purely anonymous submissions did not, for example, allow us to tell if submissions were by one person or a group.
- 3. To preserve anonymous review, please do not ask members of the program or review committee to review draft abstracts in advance of submission.

**Note on EasyChair submissions:** We ask that you please fill in both the required abstract text box *and* upload a separate pdf of your abstract for initial submissions, in addition to including a

separate page with the title of each contributor (as noted above). If you have any issues with using EasyChair, please email orga@werobot2026.eu with any questions.

We will waive conference fees for all authors of accepted papers if the full paper is submitted on time. In addition, subject to funding availability, we intend to provide for domestic air travel (or, if necessary, at least partial funding for international air travel), plus lodging, for one paper presenter provided the full paper is submitted by the due date.

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