WORKSHOP ON CONSUMPTION AMENITIES AND RETAIL IN CITIES

Barcelona, 26-27 January 2027

The Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB) will host a *Workshop on Consumption Amenities and Retail in Cities* in 26-27 January 2027. The aim of the workshop is to bring together researchers working on the spatial organization of consumption activities and the role of retail and consumption amenities in shaping cities. Topics of interest include the location of retail and service establishments, spatial competition, the role of consumption amenities in urban development, causes and consequences of retail agglomeration, the impact of commercial regulation and the effects of e-commerce, working from home, and changing consumption patterns on the geography of economic activity within cities. Both theoretical and empirical contributions are welcome.

The workshop will feature a limited number of papers presented in contributed sessions, with ample time for discussion and interaction among participants. It will take place over one and half days.

The workshop is funded by the Chair on Urban Economics – City of Barcelona

Deadlines

- Deadline for submission of papers: 20th November 2026
- Notification of acceptance: 9th December 2026

Submission and further information

Papers must be submitted by email (ieb.workshop@ub.edu) in PDF format, indicating in the subject line the name of the workshop ("*Consumption Amenities and Retail in Cities*"). There are no registration fees. The organizers will cover accommodation up to two nights for one presenting author per accepted paper, as well as coffee breaks, lunch and the workshop dinner. Participants will be responsible for their travel expenses. Further information on the workshop will be available at the IEB website: www.ieb.ub.edu.

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