



8th Alternative Accounts Europe (AAE) Conference 2026

Thursday, 8 January 2026, Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester, UK

We're proud to be hosting the 8th Annual Alternative Accounts Europe (AAE) Conference at Alliance Manchester Business School, with our co-hosts the [British Accounting and Finance Association Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group \(BAFA IPSIG\)](#)

This prestigious event brings together scholars from a range of disciplines, backgrounds and academic and professional careers, with an interest in studying accounting as a social and institutional practice.

We encourage contributions that focus on critical and interdisciplinary approaches to accounting. This forum seeks to challenge conventional assumptions, interrogate power structures, and examine the role of accounting in shaping social, environmental, and institutional realities, and to explore its future potential and what it could become.

We invite original research that engages with a range of themes, including, but not in any way limited to, the following:

- accounting and accountability in times of crisis;
- accounting's power in (re)shaping (un)accountability conceptions, mechanisms and practices;
- postcolonial, feminist, or queer critiques of accounting practices;
- accounting for sustainability, environmental and ecological accounting;
- accounting's role in activism, social conflict, social movements;
- counter-accounting, social accounting, and indigenous knowledge systems;
- new Public Governance (NPG), participatory and inclusive accounting and accountability practices;
- accounting for values and valuations, economisation, financialisation;
- social justice and accounting;

- accounting history;
- accounting, social media and popularism;
- accounting for ethics, governance, and the public interest;
- accounting and globalisation, imperialism, decolonialism, postcolonialism;
- giving voice through accounting, silences and silencing;
- accounting practices and the unrecognised, under-recognised, misrecognised, or marginalised; and
- accounting and uncertainty, risk, ignorance, unknowability.

We encourage contributions from scholars across a range of disciplines, including sociology, psychology, political economy, anthropology, law, environmental studies, and beyond.

Submissions

Deadline: 24 October 2025

Please submit your abstract of 500 - 1,000 words by end of 24 October 2025 by emailing: AAE2026@manchester.ac.uk. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by 7 November 2025.

Participants will have the opportunity to share additional materials (digital hand-outs, slides, their finalised abstracts) prior to the event.

Keynote Speakers / Lunch

Our keynote speakers will be [Professor Christine Cooper](#) and [Professor Paolo Quattrone](#). The conference will run from 9:30am to 6:00pm. Lunch and refreshments are included in the registration fee. Conference registration will open on 15 September 2025. Attendance at an informal conference dinner is optional and further details will be provided nearer the time.

Please contact AAE2026@manchester.ac.uk if you have any queries.