Rutgers Business School
Continuous Auditing and Reporting Laboratory

75th World Continuous Auditing & Reporting Symposium (WCARS)

Taming the Autonomous Frontier: AI Governance and Continuous Auditing

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Rutgers Business School (1 Washington Park, Newark, NJ) **and Online**

Announcement and Call for Papers

The Rutgers Business School Department of Accounting & Information Systems invites academics, practitioners, and regulators to submit papers, case studies, and presentation proposals for **the 75th World Continuous Auditing & Reporting Symposium (WCARS)**.

Symposium Theme

Under this year's theme, **"Taming the Autonomous Frontier: AI Governance and Continuous Auditing,"** the symposium focuses on the rapid transition from static AI tools to fully autonomous software agents and workflows. We will explore the critical balance between AI innovation and accountability, looking at how the internal audit, GRC, and risk functions can establish robust control frameworks to monitor, verify, and govern automated workflows.

Suggested Themes and Topics for Submission

We welcome research papers, corporate white papers, and practical case studies addressing the following three broad areas:

1. Governance and Assurance of Agentic AI

- Governance and risk management frameworks for autonomous enterprise workflows.
- Establishing accountability, transparency, and controls in multi-agent systems.
- Developing continuous audit and assurance methodologies for self-directing software.

2. Practical Applications of Agentic Workflows in GRC

- Automating audit workflows, control testing, and regulatory compliance.
- Integrating continuous monitoring, recurring analytics, and automated reporting into GRC platforms.
- Addressing emerging cyber risks, data privacy concerns, and third-party risk within automated environments.

3. Critical Perspectives and Limitations of Enterprise AI

- Cost-benefit and economic analyses of AI deployments in audit and accounting.
- Ethical boundaries, algorithmic biases, and societal risks associated with autonomous systems.
- Evaluating the limitations, drawbacks, and potential overpromise of AI in professional practice.

Submission Guidelines

We welcome submissions from practitioners, academics, and researchers working at the intersection of technology, accounting, and risk management. Submissions may include:

- Academic working papers or literature reviews.
- Corporate white papers, technical blueprints, or platform presentations.
- Practice-based case studies showing technologies in action.

There are no strict length or formatting restrictions for initial proposals. Selected presenters will be invited to speak on the symposium program based on how their topic aligns with the final agenda.

Please note: To help support the symposium, all accepted presenters and attending co-authors are expected to register and pay the standard conference registration fee.

Submission Deadline: September 30, 2026

Submit to: kevin.moffitt@business.rutgers.edu

Who Will Benefit

This symposium is designed for the following audiences:

- Internal Auditors & Chief Audit Executives evaluating new automation tools and peer implementations.
- GRC and Risk Officers navigating compliance in automated, complex environments.
- Academic Researchers and PhD Students investigating accounting information systems and continuous assurance.
- Regulators and Standard-Setters assessing the impact of autonomous software on financial reporting and internal controls.

Earn CPE Credits

Participants will be eligible to earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits for attending the symposium. Rutgers Business School is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of CPE on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors.

For updates on registration and the program, please visit the conference website:

https://raw.rutgers.edu/75wcars.html