

Call for Papers
The Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE)
June 5-6, 2017

Hosted by UC Berkeley

Deadline for Submission: **11:59pm Pacific time, March 24th 2017**



The [Working Group in African Political Economy \(WGAPE\)](#) invites submissions of papers and research designs for our Annual Meeting in June 2017. WGAPE brings together faculty and advanced graduate students in Economics and Political Science who combine field research experience in Africa with training in political economy methods. The group is co- led by Brian Dillon (Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Washington), Edward Miguel (Department of Economics, UC Berkeley) and Daniel Posner (Department of Political Science, UCLA).

WGAPE meetings center on **research discussion sessions** rather than presentations. Papers are circulated and expected to be read in advance by all participants. Presenters provide brief, orienting comments before the floor is opened for an hour-long discussion of each paper. WGAPE accepts early drafts, near-final drafts, and **research designs** (see an [archive of papers](#) from past WGAPE meetings).

We invite paper and research design submissions that reflect WGAPE's broad research agenda on the political economy of African development, including ethnic politics, civil conflict and violence, decentralization and democratization, corruption, local governance, public economics, and other related topics. Experimental research with field data will be given priority. Graduate students and junior faculty are particularly encouraged to apply. Each submission that is selected will receive a one-hour discussion slot at the meeting.

We invite two types of submissions:

- a) Paper submissions. These submissions can be works-in-progress. Only complete drafts are given consideration.
- b) Research design submissions. These submissions should describe a fully planned research study on topics relevant to WGAPE, as listed above. A suggested format for these submissions is the Pre-Analysis Plan, [detail and examples here](#). This document details the statistical analyses that will be conducted for a given research project before the researchers conduct the study and look at the data. Hypotheses, outcomes, control variables, and regression specifications are written in as much detail as possible.

Submissions must include:

- a) Paper submission in PDF / Word format

b) Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae or Resume with contact information, including country of current location.

To submit your materials:

- **Please submit to <http://bit.ly/2IISH9a> by 11:59pm PT on **March 24, 2017****
- Successful applicants will be notified by **April 10th, 2017** and will be expected to attend the full 2-day workshop.

Participant costs and travel:

With assistance from UC Berkeley and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, WGAPE will provide funding for travel, accommodation, and related expenses for one author of each accepted paper.

PLEASE NOTE: For the 2017 WGAPE Annual Meeting, a select subgroup of participants from Africa-based institutions will be invited to spend one week at UC Berkeley, to participate in WGAPE, an orientation and training workshop, the [Annual Bank Conference on Africa \(ABCA\)](#) hosted by UC Berkeley and the World Bank on June 1-2. This opportunity is limited to graduate students, post-docs, and junior faculty working in political economy who either a) currently hold a faculty or research position at an African institution, b) received or are actively pursuing a graduate degree at an African institution, or c) received an undergraduate degree from an African institution and are currently in graduate school elsewhere. Acceptance to attend the special sessions DOES NOT guarantee acceptance of a paper/RD for the 2017 WGAPE Annual Meeting. More information on that opportunity can be found [here](#).

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