

## Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPPE)

# Request for Applications: NYU-AD Meeting

The Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPPE) 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 has met semi-annually to discuss the work-in-progress of its core members and invited guests. It is co-led by Daniel Posner (Department of Political Science, UCLA), Edward Miguel (Department of Economics, UC Berkeley), Brian Dillon (Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington), and Amanda Robinson (Department of Politics, Ohio State University.) The **2018 Meeting** will be hosted by **NYU Abu Dhabi** from held on **January 26-28**. The deadline to submit applications will be:

**11:59 pm U.S. Pacific Time on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2017**

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### *Yearly Meeting Format*

WGAPPE meetings are held in four regional sub-groups in the U.S. each fall, a winter international meeting, and in a U.S. national meeting each spring. This is the third international meeting hosted by our partners at NYU-Abu Dhabi, led by faculty J. Andrew Harris, Melina Platas Izama, and Peter van der Windt.

The meeting will 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. WGAPPE accepts early work, near-complete drafts, and **research designs** (see an [archive of papers](#) from past WGAPPE meetings).

### *Submission of Papers and Research Designs*

We invite paper and research design submissions that reflect WGAPPE'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, junior faculty, and developing country researchers** are particularly encouraged to apply.

We invite two types of submissions:

- 1) Full paper submissions. These submissions can be works in progress.
- 2) 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. This document details the statistical analyses that will be conducted for a given research project before the researchers conduct the study and analyze the data. Hypotheses, outcomes, control variables, and regression specifications are all written in as much detail as possible. Please find examples of a Pre-Analysis Plan below:
  - [A template for drafting a Pre-Analysis Plan](#)
  - [A sample Pre-Analysis Plan discussed at a previous WGAPE meeting](#)

The review committee will evaluate papers and research designs based on the quality of their design and execution, their fit with WGAPE's traditional topics of interest, and their ability to generate productive discussion at the meeting.

### *To Apply*

Please submit the following to <https://cega.submittable.com/submit/93498/2018-wgape-international-meeting-at-nyu-abu-dhabi> by **October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**:

- a) Paper submission in PDF / Word format
- b) Most up-to-date Curriculum Vitae or Resume with contact information, including country of current location.
- c) The name, title, and contact information of one reference (from a current/previous collaborator or advisor) that would be able to comment on your research interests and future research trajectory

### *Award Notification and Funding*

Successful applicants will be notified by **November 6th, 2017** and will be invited to attend the full symposium.

Thanks to NYU-AD, WGAPE will be able to provide funding for travel, accommodation, and related expenses to accepted WGAPE participants. Visas and travel will be arranged by NYU-AD.

### *Further Inquiries*

For further information, please contact Alex Dobyan (CEGA) at [wgapeworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:wgapeworkshop@gmail.com).