

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAP)

Request for Papers 2019 International Meeting

The Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAP) 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 since 2002. It is co-led by Daniel Posner (Political Science, UCLA), Edward Miguel (Economics, UC Berkeley), Brian Dillon (Agricultural and Resource Economics, Cornell), and Amanda Robinson (Political Science, Ohio State University). The fourth International meeting hosted by NYU Abu Dhabi will be held on January 25-27, 2019. Important dates related to the meeting are listed below:

Deadline to Submit: 11:59 pm U.S. Pacific Time on Sunday, October 21st, 2018
WGAP Meeting: January 25-27, 2019 at New York University Abu Dhabi

About WGAP

WGAP 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, 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. WGAP accepts early working papers, near-complete drafts, and research designs (see an archive of papers from past WGAP meetings).

Submission Categories

We invite paper and research design submissions that reflect WGAP'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. Submissions outside of these areas are very unlikely to be selected regardless of their quality. WGAP commonly, but not exclusively, selects submissions with a strong focus on fieldwork and quantitative analysis. Graduate students and junior faculty are particularly encouraged to apply.

WGAPE particularly encourages submissions from applicants who teach, study or have completed a degree at an African university.

We invite submissions of papers or research designs. Early-stage papers and research designs will be prioritized for inclusion. Highly polished papers are unlikely to be selected. 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 (please find a template [here](#)). It is not necessary to reformat your Pre-Analysis Plan to fit the linked template, but a strong Pre-Analysis Plan will include the elements listed in the template.

To Apply

All submissions must include:

- a) Paper Submission or Research Design in PDF or Word format.
- b) Latest Curriculum Vitae with contact information, including country of current location.

Papers must be submitted to <https://cega.submittable.com/submit/125306/2019-wgape-international-meeting-at-nyu-abu-dhabi> by **October 21st, 2018**.

Selection Process

The [WGAPE Executive Committee](#) is in charge of reviewing and selecting papers/research designs for submission. Each submission will be randomly allocated to two reviewers, who will read and evaluate their assigned papers/research designs based on the quality of the design and execution, their fit with WGAPE's topics of interest, and the likelihood they can benefit from and generate productive discussion at the meeting. The submission will then be scored on a scale from 1 to 5 by the reviewers. Once the scores are tallied, the meeting co-organizers (a subset of the reviewers) will select the final group of papers and research designs to be discussed, using the reviewers' scores as a guideline to select a group of authors that is diverse in terms of gender, geography, field of study, and seniority.

Award Notification and Funding

Successful applicants will be notified by November 6th, 2019 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

To receive email notifications about WGAPE's RFPs, please visit <http://eepurl.com/chN7fb>.

Please contact Alex Dobyán at wgapeworkshop@gmail.com with any further questions.