



## Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPPE)

# Request for Papers 2020 Annual 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 in-progress work of its core members and invited guests since 2002. It is co-led by Daniel Posner (UCLA), Edward Miguel (UC Berkeley), Brian Dillon (Cornell), Amanda Robinson (Ohio State University), and Amma Panin (World Bank). Our second annual meeting hosted in Africa will take place at Addis Ababa University in July 2020. Important dates related to the meeting are listed below:

**Deadline to Submit: 11:59 pm U.S. Pacific Time on Sunday, April 12th, 2020**  
**WGAPPE Meeting: July 22-24, 2020 at AAU**

\*\*\*It is possible that this conference will be postponed or cancelled because of travel restrictions related to the novel coronavirus COVID-19. We are proceeding for now as if the conference will happen on schedule. If you are potentially interested, please apply. As plans evolve, we will post updates to the [conference website](#) and email list.\*\*\*

### *Meeting Information*

WGAPPE 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 or research design. WGAPPE accepts early working papers, near-complete drafts, and research designs (see an archive of papers from past WGAPPE meetings [here](#)).

### *Submission Categories*

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. Submissions outside of these areas are very unlikely to be selected regardless of their quality. WGAPPE 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.

### *Submit your Work*

**To submit your materials, please submit to the form at the following URL by 11:59pm PT on April 12, 2020:** <https://cega.submittable.com/submit/162397/2020-request-for-papers-wgape-addis-ababa-university>

Successful applicants will be notified by **April 28, 2020** and will be expected to attend the full 3-day workshop.

### **Participant costs and travel:**

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

### *Apply to Attend as a Participant*

For the 2020 WGAPE Annual Meeting, a select subgroup of participants from Africa-based institutions will be invited to AAU to participate in WGAPE. This opportunity may also include participation in networking events and research methods trainings. This fully funded 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 or research design submission for the 2020 WGAPE Annual Meeting.

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