

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPPE)

Request for Papers 2021 Virtual 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 has invited guests since 2002. It is co-led by Daniel Posner (UCLA), Edward Miguel (UC Berkeley), Amanda Robinson (Ohio State University), and Amma Panin (University of Louvain), and hosted by the Center for Effective Global Action at UC Berkeley. WGAPPE is generously funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. This annual meeting is traditionally held in person, but has been moved online (over Zoom). Important dates related to the meeting are listed below:

Deadline to Submit a Paper: 11:59 pm U.S. Pacific Time on Monday, June 7, 2021
WGAPPE Meeting: August 11-13, 2021 held virtually.

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](#)). The meeting will include networking sessions, as well as topical discussions and optional trainings.

Submitting Papers and Research Designs

- **Topic:** We invite 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 unlikely to be selected regardless of their quality. WGAPPE commonly, but not exclusively, selects submissions with a strong focus on fieldwork and quantitative analysis.

- **Categories:** We invite submissions of 1) Working papers or 2) Research designs. Early-stage papers and research designs will be prioritized for selection. Highly polished papers are unlikely to be selected. Research design submissions should describe a fully planned 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 fully reformat your Pre-Analysis Plan to fit the linked template, but a strong Pre-Analysis Plan will include the major elements listed in the template.
- **Eligibility:** Anyone is welcome to apply, but graduate students, junior faculty, and applicants who teach, study, or have completed a degree at an African university are particularly encouraged.

How to Submit

Submissions must include:

- Paper or research design submission in PDF / Word format
- Up-to-date Curriculum Vitae or Resume with contact information, including country of current location

To submit your materials, please submit to the form at the following URL by 11:59pm PT on June 7, 2021: <https://cega.submittable.com/submit/192796/2021-request-for-papers-wgape-annual-virtual-meeting>

Successful applicants will be notified by **early July** and will be expected to attend the 3-day online workshop from August 11-13, 2021.

Withdrawing or Amending your Application

If you have already applied for this RFP, and would either like to withdraw or amend your submission, please contact Michelle Layvant at wgapeworkshop@gmail.com.

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