Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE)

Request for Papers
2018 Annual Meeting

The Working Group in African Political Economy (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. 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 Policy & Governance, University of Washington), and Amanda Robinson (Department of Political Science, Ohio State). The WGAPE Annual Meeting will be held on May 18th-19th, 2018 at UCLA in Los Angeles, California. The **deadline** to submit papers to this annual meeting is:

11:59 pm U.S. Pacific Time on Sunday, March 18th, 2018

Meeting Information

The meeting will begin on **Friday mid-day, May 18th, and end mid-day on Saturday, May 19th**. The meeting will be built around in-depth discussions of around seven to eight papers that are pre-circulated and **expected to be read in advance** (see an [archive of papers](#) from past WGAPE meetings). Each submission that is selected will receive a one-hour discussion slot at the meeting. Presenters provide little more than a few brief, orienting comments before the floor is opened for discussion.

Submission Categories

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.

We invite submissions in two categories:

1)   *Paper submissions.* These submissions can be works-in-progress. However, only complete drafts will be given consideration at the paper submission stage.

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; please find a template at this link.

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

To Apply

To submit your materials, please submit to the form at the following URL by 11:59pm PT on March 18, 2018:

https://cega.submittable.com/submit/827b2b66-65e6-4e0c-ae70-8c3ce5e7778a/wgape-2018-annual-meeting-ucla

Successful applicants will be notified by **April 1st, 2018** and will be expected to attend the full 2-day workshop.

Participant costs and travel:

With assistance from UCLA 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 2018 WGAPE Annual Meeting, a select subgroup of participants from Africa-based institutions will be invited to spend one week at UCLA to participate in WGAPE and a pre-meeting orientation and workshop including training on research methods and networking opportunities with local faculty and graduate students. 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 2018 WGAPE Annual Meeting. More information on that opportunity can be found here.

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