

**Doctoral Workshop on development and international organizations
Cape Town, South Africa, June 8-9, 2008 (date TBC)**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Paper proposals are invited from current doctoral students and early career postdoctoral researchers (up to three years post-PhD) conducting research on the World Bank Group and other international organizations in any social science field.

Successful candidates will be asked to present a research paper of 8,000 –9,500 words in advance of the workshop.

Successful candidates will have their travel and accommodation expenses covered. No per diem, meals or local transportation costs (in the participant's country of departure) will be covered.

The workshop will be scheduled to coincide with the Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), which will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, on June 9-11, 2008, under the theme of growth (Globalization, Investment and Growth, Human Development for Equitable Growth, Political Economy of Shared Growth). The workshop will last 1.5 days.

Participants will be invited to attend the ABCDE Conference in Cape Town.

Workshop Themes:

Submitted papers must focus on the work (policy, operations) of one or more of the organizations listed below:

1. Bretton Woods Institutions: The World Bank Group, The International Monetary Fund;
2. World Trade Organization (WTO);
3. Regional multilateral development banks: Inter-American Development Bank, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development;

Paper proposals may address any aspect of development-related activity of these organizations. For example, topics might include, but are not limited to:

- Country studies of specific policies or projects;
- Governance and organisational reform;
- Links between trade and development;
- Relations between various organizations (e.g. World Bank-IMF);
- Aid harmonization and coordination; Bilateral versus multilateral aid;
- Engagement and partnerships with new donors (e.g. China, philanthropic foundations)

Eligibility:

Application is open to researchers of any nationality and any country of residence, currently enrolled in a PhD program or having completed their PhD no later than three years beforehand (as of June 30, 2008). Thesis research to be presented during the workshop needs to be completed or of an advanced state. **Developing country researchers are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Application process:

Candidates who wish to participate in the Workshop should provide the following information (please use the style of the APPLICATION FORM appended below):

Applications should be submitted to the World Bank Paris Office at the attention of Ms. Anna Kuznicka, akuznicka@worldbank.org with the subject line 'Cape Town Workshop'.

The deadline for applications is **March 12th, 2008**. Successful applicants will be notified in April 2008.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee, comprising:

- One representative of the ESRC
- One representative of the World Bank
- One representative of the WTO
- One representative of the Researchers Alliance for Development (RAD)
- A former participant (of the Budapest, Singapore or Slovenia Workshop)

Selection criteria:

- Quality of the paper proposal
- Motivation
- Balance in terms of research themes
- Balance in terms of participants' backgrounds (regional, gender etc.)

The workshop will be jointly organised by the World Bank and the Economic and Social Research Council of the United Kingdom, in conjunction with the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation at the University of Warwick and the Researchers Alliance for Development.

More information:

The World Bank: www.worldbank.org

Economic and Social Research Council of the United Kingdom: www.esrc.ac.uk

Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation

Researchers Alliance for Development (RAD): www.radnetwork.org

Previous Workshops

Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE):

www.worldbank.org/abcdesouthafrica

World Trade Organization: www.wto.org

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APPLICATION FORM

(please submit the form no later than March 12, 2008 to the attention of Ms. Anna Kuznicka: akuznicka@worldbank.org)

SECTION 1: Personal Details

1. Title (Mr./ Ms./ Mrs.):
2. Last Name:
3. First Name:
4. Nationality:
5. Date of birth:
6. Institution of enrolment:
7. Email address:
8. Phone number:

SECTION 2: Paper

1. Paper Title:
2. PhD awarded on (MM/YY):
3. Supervisor's Name and contact details (email, phone):
4. Long abstract or complete paper attached, 1000 words (YES/ NO):
Please attach the paper in a separate file.

SECTION 3: CURRICULUM VITAE (one page maximum)

SECTION 4: Motivation letter (one page maximum)

How will participation in this workshop contribute to attaining your academic and professional objectives?