Advanced Graduate Workshop

Poverty. Development. Globalisation JULY 8 - 20, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing about an exciting opportunity for your PhD students for which there are no financial costs to them. This then is a request to nominate students for the Advanced Graduate Workshop (AGW) on Poverty, Development and Globalization. As in recent years, the AGW is being organized by the Azim Premji University (APU) in collaboration with the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), and the Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD) at Columbia University. This small interdisciplinary workshop, which I have been directing since its inception in 2006, will be held in Bangalore, India from July 8-20, 2024. (While I will remain closely involved, this year it may well not be possible for me to visit Bangalore).

The goal of the workshop is to bring together graduate students undertaking development studies at a sufficiently advanced stage of their dissertation work to be able to discuss and receive feedback on their research. There are two distinct parts. Firstly, a series of lectures given by leading scholars and practitioners will deal with a range of economic, political and social issues pertaining to development and poverty. Secondly, students will refine their research and presentation skills within assigned small groups under the guidance of young scholars from relevant fields, to prepare for a culminating workshop-wide presentation of their research. We have invariably succeeded in making these small groups supportive and friendly environments in which students feel comfortable to discuss and provide feedback on each other's work.

We welcome applications from all fields in the social sciences; however, students should have some background in economics or familiarity with quantitative techniques. The AGW provides a unique opportunity for students to receive constructive advice and feedback on their dissertation presentations. Accepted candidates will join a distinguished rank of alumni and forge invaluable connections with top flight lecturers and peers, all committed to the study of the myriad issues confronting developing economies.

We expect to accept approximately 25 students for the 2024 workshop. Room and board will be covered for all participants for the 2 weeks of the workshop. In addition, in case of selected students outside India, not able to afford the costs of travel, we will be able to pay for international airfares (tickets for students from within India will be covered regardless). Students who can pay for their international airfare are requested to do so.

As in the past, I cordially invite you or your department to nominate students to submit an application. Students can send their applications to AGW@apu.edu.in directly by including: 1) CV; 2) draft of a working paper or a chapter from dissertation, and 3) a letter of recommendation (students should request their supervisor to send the recommendation directly to us at AGW@apu.edu.in). For those who may inquire with you, we do also allow self-nomination.

Applications received after March 15th will not be considered and early applications are appreciated. The committee for selection will review the applications periodically and will aim to close the window as soon after March 15 as possible.

Any other questions regarding this year's AGW may also be directed to AGW@apu.edu.in (or to one of Tamoghna Halder <tamoghna.halder@apu.edu.in>, Tony Kurian <tony.kurian@apu.edu.in>, Mrinalini Jha <mrinalini.jha@jgu.edu.in>). For information about previous years' workshops, please see https://agw277.wixsite.com/agwpgd

Thank you,
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