The Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) brings together faculty and advanced graduate students in economics, political science, and other social science disciplines, with a combined focus on field-based research and political economy methods. The workshop involves in-depth discussions of papers and research designs that are circulated and read in advance, and is ideally suited for feedback on work-in-progress.
Agenda

We have scheduled 50 minutes for each session, plus an extra 10 minutes for overflow and coffee.

Thursday, 11 April 2019

8.30 – 9.00 Registration
9.00 – 9.30 Welcome and Introductions
9.30 – 10.30 Paper 1
Cash Transfers and Community Participation in Public Affairs: A Village-Level Randomized Controlled Trial in Kenya
Kate Orkin (Oxford)
10.30 – 11.30 Research Design 1
The Productivity and Allocation of Public Personnel and Funds: Evidence from Government Health Facilities in Ghana
Binta Zahra Diop (Oxford) and Martin J. Williams (Oxford)
11.30 - 12.30 Paper 2
The Political Economy of School Test Scores
Philip Verwimp (ULB)
12.30 – 14.00 Lunch
14.00 – 15.00 Paper 3
Information and Collective Action in Angolan Schools: Inside the Black Box of Community-Driven Development
Stefan Leeffers (NOVA SBE)
15.00 – 16.00 Paper 4
Competitive Selection of Chiefs: A Possible Explanation for Patterns of Civilian Fatalities in the Sierra Leone Civil War
Henry Musa Kpaka (LSE)
16.00 – 17.00 Research Design 2
Tax Collection and Bureaucrat Responsiveness: Experimental Evidence from the DRC
Jonathan L. Weigel (LSE)
17.00 – 19.00 Break
19.00 – 21.00 Dinner

Friday, 12 April 2019

9.00 – 10.00 Research Design 3
Irregular Migration and Misinformation: Experimental Evidence from Nigeria
Bernd Beber (WZB), Macartan Humphreys (Columbia/WZB), and Alexandra Scacco (WZB)
10.00 - 11.00 Paper 5
Pride, Patronage, or Policies? Mechanisms behind the Politicization of Ethnicity in Competitive Elections in Africa
Elena Gadjanova (Exeter)
11.00 - 12.00 Paper 6
The Effects of Humanitarian Assistance: Experimental Evidence from a Voucher Program for IDPs in the Congo
Peter van der Windt (NYU-AD)
12.00 – 13.30 Lunch
13.30 – 14.30 Paper 7
The Politics of Identity in Sub-Saharan Africa
Elliott Green (LSE)
14.30 – 15.00 Closing Discussion

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