



CALL FOR PAPERS

Graduate Research Workshops

Often graduate students need the push, inspiration or challenge to define their research topics, frame their research questions, complete their drafts, or polish their papers to a standard expected of a master's thesis, doctoral dissertation, or a journal article. Many also would welcome opportunities to present their ideas or works in-progress other than through consultations with their advisers, participation in the Philippine Economic Society (PES) conferences or in UPSE seminars. However, a typical PES presentation is too short (less than 1 hour) and attended mostly by non-specialists (or inexperienced economists) to provide substantive comments and suggestions to the paper writer. While UPSE seminars are an option, often those who present do so to fulfill an academic requirement towards their PhD and upon the consent of their advisers. There are those who are not yet ready to write their theses or dissertations but who would first like to write short essays or journal-length articles, either singly or jointly with other fellow students. Writing stand-alone essays should be encouraged especially now that a 3-essay PhD dissertation is increasingly becoming the norm. Providing more opportunities to exhibit such works by graduate students will help towards increasing the number of master's and PhD graduates, and the publications of the School.

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Against this background, a special facility has opened up where advanced graduate students can present their independent works before a select set of specialists or experienced economists. Similar to the *UP Writers Workshop*, the research workshops to be conducted in July 2017 will help graduate students polish and complete their works to meet publication standards, and for the School to gain some inputs towards improving pedagogy and the mentoring of its students.

There will be two out-of-town, all-expenses paid, two-day workshops, each with up to 8 paper presentations. Accepted papers will be divided between these workshops, possibly according to field (e.g., macro or micro) or type (theory or empirical).

Each paper presented in the workshop will get a completion grant of PhP15,000. The papers presented in each workshop will also be ranked (based on quality and originality), and the three best papers will be awarded PhP10,000, PhP7,000 and PhP5,000, respectively. The best presenter will be awarded PhP5,000.

The workshop coordinators are Profs. Aleli D. Kraft, Sarah Lynne S. Daway and Joseph J. Capuno. Additional workshop mentors will be invited from the UPSE faculty, journal editors and other academics from local and foreign universities.

Requirements

1. Must be a UPSE graduate student (PhD or MA candidate), enrolled during the 2nd semester of AY 2016-2017;
2. Must submit a stand-alone essay that may serve as a chapter of a thesis or dissertation, or a manuscript for submission to a journal, and that has not yet been presented in a UPSE seminar, PES conference or in similar academic conferences; and
3. Must submit an extended abstract of their papers, or thesis/dissertation chapters.

Selection and timeline

1. Deadline for the extended abstract is **March 15, 2017**. The abstract should have 700-800 words, including title, motivation, data/methods, results, 3-5 key words and the relevant JEL classification codes. The abstract page should include the author's name, year and degree program, and state whether the paper is a part of thesis or dissertation.
2. Announcement of selected abstracts is **March 31, 2017**.
3. Deadline for submission of full papers is **May 31, 2017**.
4. Workshops will be in the second half of July. Exact dates to be announced later.

Send inquiries, abstracts or papers to **upseworkshops@gmail.com**.