

Application Guidelines

The Department of Economics at Georgetown University is excited to present the inaugural DMV PhD Conference on Political Economy & Development, which will take place on Friday October 24, 2025.

The conference will serve as a forum for students to learn about the latest research in political economy and development while networking among peers outside their respective institutions and hearing feedback on work at various stages in the research process. Drafts are not expected to be perfect! The conference is meant for student presenters to get feedback on their work and to build confidence as presenters and discussants.

We encourage PhD students to submit projects at all stages of research. As such, applicants have the option of submitting their work as a poster, a short presentation, or a long presentation. Please consult the second page of this document carefully to determine which submission might best fit your work. Once you have decided on the appropriate category, please apply [here](#)!

All applicants are automatically considered for discussant roles. Drafts must be emailed to sb2173@georgetown.edu by the deadline below to ensure discussants have enough time to review your work and prepare thoughtful feedback.

You can find the most up-to-date information on the [conference website](#). If you have any questions, please contact Shir Bloch at sb2173@georgetown.edu.

Relevant deadlines:

Priority presenter deadline: 11:59 PM August 29, 2025

Final presenter deadline: 11:59 PM September 26, 2025

Draft deadline: 3:00 PM October 16, 2025

Slides deadline: 3:00 PM October 23, 2025

Submission Options

Poster presentation:

- Best suited for:
 - Early-stage research ideas
 - Should have proposed methodology and data sources
 - Preliminary results (or motivating statistics) recommended
 - 2nd and 3rd year PhD students
- Requirements for submission:
 - Title and abstract (150-500 words) due at submission
 - Bring your poster to the organizers on the morning of the conference

Short presentation (about 15min):

- Best suited for:
 - Intermediate work
 - 3rd and 4th year PhD students
- Requirements for submission:
 - Title and abstract (150-500 words) due at submission
 - Short write-up (3-5 pages)

Longer presentation (about 40min):

- Best suited for:
 - Advanced projects
 - 4th and 5th+ year PhD students approaching the job market
- Requirements for submission:
 - Title and abstract (150-500 words) due at submission
 - Draft (at least 10-12 pages)