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INTERDISCIPLINARY PH.D. WORKSHOP IN
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Columbia University's Sustainable Development Doctoral Society is pleased to announce the Second Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Workshop in Sustainable Development (IPWSD), to be held at Columbia University in New York City. The workshop is open to graduate students working on or interested in issues relating to sustainable development and is intended to provide a forum to present and discuss research in an informal setting, as well as to meet and interact with similar researchers from other institutions. The First IPWSD proved to be a great success in 2011 and the second workshop will build upon the networks and discussions of interdisciplinary researchers that were facilitated by the previous meeting.

We encourage contributions on a wide range of subjects, but particularly in the areas of poverty and development, climate and the environment, agriculture, energy systems, public health, and water resources. The intention is to assemble a group of researchers across a range of disciplines in the social and natural sciences, whose research contributes to a deeper understanding of the interactions between natural and social systems within their particular field(s), but who are capable of discussing this work with a broader audience of peers. It is anticipated that disciplines represented at the workshop will include: economics, earth and environmental sciences, political science, engineering, ecology, epidemiology, geography, law, and others. If your research pertains to the field of sustainable development and the linkages between natural and social systems, we encourage you to apply regardless of disciplinary background. The workshop will feature a keynote address by [Prof. Jeffrey Sachs](#), Director of [The Earth Institute, Columbia University](#).

To register for the IPWSD, please visit our [website](#) to obtain the registration form (available in [.doc](#) or [.pdf](#)) which should then be submitted to cu.sdds.ipwsd@gmail.com. Participants may present a paper, serve as a discussant, or both. If you would like to apply to present your work, please include with your registration a long abstract, ideally reporting preliminary results (full draft papers are also welcome). *Applications to present are due by the 31st of January, 2012.* All applicants will be notified of the final decision regarding their application by the mid-February, 2011.

Students in the dissertation stage of their Ph.D. will be given priority for presentation slots, though non-Ph.D. students (e.g. post-docs) are also welcome to apply. We will try to provide an opportunity to present for as many applicants as possible. Workshop participants are expected to cover their travel and lodging expenses, but there is no fee for participating in the event and light breakfast & lunches will be provided. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the planning committee.

We look forward to seeing you in New York!

The Second IPWSD Planning Committee

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