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Call for Papers

Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Workshop in Sustainable Development

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Columbia University's Sustainable Development Doctoral Society is pleased to announce the Fifth 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 researchers from other institutions.

We encourage contributions on a wide range of subjects, but particularly in the areas of poverty and development, climate and the environment, natural resources and agriculture, coupled systems and human ecology, energy systems, urbanization and inequality, public health, education, water resources, and institutions, path dependence, and global governance. The intention is to assemble a group of researchers 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](#).

Please register **online** (<http://goo.gl/forms/1ZNtLRlqAY>). Participants may present a paper, or register as attendees. If you are interested in presenting, remember to submit an abstract (no more than 2 pages long), ideally describing the research methodology and reporting preliminary results, to cu.sdds.ipwsd@gmail.com. *Applications to present are due by the 18th of January, 2015*. All applicants will be notified of the final decision regarding their application by early February 2015.

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. 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 Fifth IPWSD Planning Committee

Registration form: <http://goo.gl/forms/1ZNtLRlqAY>

Email: cu.sdds.ipwsd@gmail.com; Web: http://blogs.cuit.columbia.edu/sdds/schedule-events/ipwsd_2014/

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