



Call for Papers: IEA Young African Scholars Program

**International Economic Association Seventeenth World Congress
June 6 to June 10, 2014**

*King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center, Dead Sea, Jordan
Organized in collaboration with The Columbia Global Centers | Middle East in Amman, and in
partnership with the Institute for New Economic Thinking (the Institute), The Centre for
International Governance Innovation (CIGI), International Development Research Centre
(IDRC), the Quantum Global Foundation and Fung Global Institute.*

The Event

The International Economic Association (IEA) is the association of the economic associations from around the world, and is the unique international organization that brings together economists from developed and developing countries across a broad range of fields.

The World Congress is held once every three years (the fifteen and sixteenth Triennial World Congresses were held in Istanbul and Beijing respectively.) We expect more than 500 economists to attend. Over 400 papers will be presented in parallel academic sessions. In addition, there will be a number of policy sessions and keynote lectures. Confirmed speakers include Philippe Aghion, Kaushik Basu, François Bourguignon, Paul Collier, Martine Durand, Jim Heckman, Karla Hoff, Ravi Kanbur, Huruhiko Kuroda, Eliana La Ferrara, Justin Yifu Lin, Célestin Monga, Mthuli Ncube, José Antonio Ocampo, Rohini Somanathan, Nick Stern, Joseph Stiglitz (who will also deliver the IEA Presidential Address) and Adair Turner. A number of sessions have been arranged in collaboration with organizations such as INET, CIGI, IDRC, the Fung Global Institute, the World Bank, IPD, the Quantum Global Foundation, and WIDER.

IEA Young African Scholars Program

This special session aims to provide a forum for discussing innovative theoretical and empirical research on the key challenges facing Africa, and to facilitate the exchange of views among researchers and policymakers as the continent search its path towards economic emergence.

The IEA would especially like to attract young economists from Africa to participate, and towards that end has secured funding from the Quantum Global Foundation, to assist in transportation costs, meals, and accommodations. We will pay up to \$1000 for transportation to Amman, Jordan, and provide for meals and hotel accommodation, and waive registration fees for approximately 25 economists. They will have an opportunity to present their research, and attend a special set of sessions with leading development scholars on issues pertaining to African development.

We are interested in research related to one of the following broad topics: (a) Structural Transformation, industrial policies, and strategies for African Development in the Context of a Changing Global Landscape; (b) Inequality in Africa: its various dimensions, causes, consequences, and remedies; and (c) Financial policies for Africa in the aftermath of the Great Recession, focusing on the lessons learned from the crisis and outstanding issues that remain to be addressed. The papers should shed light on how such economic challenges operate in practice, and how they interact with each other, especially in terms of their effect on growth, macroeconomic stability and resilience to shocks, and employment creation.

Application Process

Interested scholars should submit either a draft paper or a detailed abstract (up to 1,500 words), **by [February 15, 2014](#)**, to:

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The proposal should include the title of the paper, the author(s)' affiliation and contact information, the main questions to be examined, the most relevant literature, the intended contribution of the paper to the literature, and the possible data sets and methodology to be employed. Authors should also provide a copy of their curriculum vitae, a short statement of interest (up to 1 page), and at least one letter of recommendation. The selection committee would also welcome a copy of a recent working or published paper by the applicant, though this is not mandatory.

The Program Committee will evaluate all proposals in terms of originality, analytical rigor, and policy relevance and will contact the authors whose papers have been selected by March 1, 2014

(Registration deadline for presenters of papers at the 17th IEA World Congress and to have papers included in final program is March 15, 2014). Final drafts are due by May 31, 2014. Further information on the conference program will be posted on the IEA website <http://www.iea-world.org/>

Venue

The Seventeenth World Congress will be held at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center (KHBTC), on the Dead Sea, Jordan. The Center nestles on the eastern shores of the Dead Sea at the heart of the Jordan Rift Valley. The Dead Sea is the lowest body of water on earth, the lowest point on earth, and the world's richest source of natural salts. One of the most spectacular natural and spiritual landscapes in the world; the Jordanian east coast of the Dead Sea has evolved into a major hub of both religious, health and wellness tourism in the region. The Dead Sea is 45 minutes away from Amman, the capital city of Jordan and is close to historical tourist attractions such as Petra (one of the Seven Wonders of the World), the Roman ruins in the city of Jerash, and the Baptism Site, to name a few. It is a good idea to stay for an extra few days after the Congress to unwind in this most beautiful place
