

Call for Papers

## **Reassessing Poverty and Inequality: Theories, Representations and Approaches**

### **Global Research Priorities on International Development Postgraduate Conference 2017**

15 June 2018  
9am – 6pm

University of Warwick

Room OC.1.03



International development is one of the University of Warwick's designated global research priorities (GRP). International Development at Warwick has a vision that combines cutting edge research with knowledge exchange and teaching through contributing to understanding, researching and analyzing the key issues that shape development in a globalizing world. In (month and year), Warwick's GRP on International Development will be hosting its second annual Postgraduate Conference, on the theme of how we can approach poverty and inequality in both academia and praxis.

Development has always claimed poverty eradication as its ultimate goal. In recent decades, this objective has matured into an international consensus with quantitative targets and firm commitments by powerful governments. According to World Bank's most recent estimates, in 2013 10.7% of the world's population lived on less than US\$1.90 a day, around 767 million people. Other estimates of absolute poverty suggest that almost half the world lives on less than \$2.50 a day, and 80 % on less than \$10. (The first map here is a depiction of world poverty from the world bank.)

The centrality of poverty to framing the study and practice of international development also raises many profound questions for scholars to consider. 'Poverty' is one of the most systemic and endemic problems at both the global and local levels, yet the metrics of absolute and relative poverty have done little to increase our understanding. This conference invites submissions from postgraduates across all disciplines working on international development issues, which speak to such questions as:

- How can poverty be defined and accurately measured?
- How can we assess the historical entanglement of global poverty and inequality with colonialism and its legacies?
- How are images and narratives of poverty represented to development audiences?
- What are the ways in which gender, other vectors of inequality and their intersections cut across strategies to address poverty?
- How effective are the global institutions and present attempts to tackle poverty?
- What are the limits of global governance and the need for alternative paths to sustainable development?

This one-day conference is designed to give postgraduate students from different research areas an opportunity to present and discuss their research and form new connections with their colleagues across different disciplines.

We invite postgraduate students to submit their abstracts for oral and poster presentations. If you would like to present your paper on the conference, please follow the guidelines below.

### **Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts**

Send an abstract of 200-400 words.

We will accept email submissions only. Please submit the abstract in Microsoft Word format (.doc/.docx).

Please send all abstracts to: grp-id@warwick.ac.uk

Deadline: 12 noon on 15 April 2018

Decision by: 30 April 2017

All abstract which conform to the above guidelines will be reviewed by the organising committee.

You will be informed of the decision by the committee via email.

Accepted abstract will be allotted 10 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for discussion.

### **Further information**

Please see our website

<https://warwick.ac.uk/research/priorities/internationaldevelopment/research/annualthemes/poverty/conference> or contact Miss Nina Slokar Boc at grp-id@warwick.ac.uk for details.