



CALL FOR PAPERS

Growth and inequality in Africa

Annual African Review of Economics and Finance Conference

22-23 August 2018

Wits Business School, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Prof. Augustin K. Fosu, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, Ghana

Prof. Ingrid Woolard, Dean, Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa

CONFERENCE CHAIRS

Prof. Paul Alagidede, Professor of Finance, Wits Business School, and Editor-in-Chief, African Review of Economics and Finance.

Dr. Jones Odei Mensah, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Wits Business School, and Editor of Ghanaian Journal of Economics.

Dr. Franklin Obeng-Odoom, Senior Lecturer, Property Economics, University of Technology Sydney, and Editor, African Review of Economics and Finance.

The *African Review of Economics and Finance* (AREF) is pleased to call attention to the 2018 annual conference, which will be hosted at Wits Business School in Johannesburg from 22 to 23 August 2018. The AREF conference is the premier conference on economics and finance in Africa. The conference brings together top scholars, doctoral students and practitioners from around the world to present research, network and collaborate. The conference aims to be transdisciplinary, so papers can be written from within, across, and between disciplines, as well as from outside disciplinary boundaries. The conference theme is 'Growth and inequality in Africa'.

The topics of interest include the following:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growth and inequality• Macro and monetary economics• Emerging financial markets• Microfinance• Global commodity markets• Trade and development• Environmental economics• Industrial organisation• Accounting and finance• Mathematical economics• Agriculture and natural resources• Development planning• History of economic thought• Health, education and welfare• Law and economics• Consumer behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Microeconomics• Corporate governance• Entrepreneurship and innovation• Prudential regulation• Financial economics• Digital business and finance• Econometric methods• Public sector economics• Development finance• Islamic finance• Business administration• Banking and finance• Urban and real estate economics• Political economy of development• Labour and demography• Energy policy & management
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As this list is not exhaustive, you are welcome to discuss any other topics with the conference chairs.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

The call for the submission of full papers or extended abstracts for review is now open. All abstracts should include a title, keywords, authors' names, affiliation and an email address.

There is more information about the conference on the following website
<http://www.african-review.com/arefc2018.php>

Submit your full papers and extended abstract in English, on or before May 1, 2018 preferably in MS Word format to: Prof. Paul Alagidede: paul.alagidede@wits.ac.za or alagidede@gmail.com and Dr. Jones Odei Mensah, jones.mensah@wits.ac.za.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline: 1 May 2018.

Notification of acceptance: 15 May 2018.

Conference registration deadline: 25 July 2018.

PAPER SUBMISSION INFORMATION

The registration fees are as follows (2 paper limit per author; fees are non-refundable): \$400 for academics; and \$150 for graduate students (proof of student registration is required). The registration fee covers coffee breaks, lunches and conference material.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

The AREF conference welcomes proposals from policy-makers, academics, research institutes for special sessions. People interested in organizing a special session should prepare a description of its overall purpose and include the abstract of the different contributions. A special session should have either 3 or 5 contributors. In addition, proposals must state the purpose, format and names of contributors. Please email all special session proposals to Dr. Franklin Obeng-Odoom, Franklin.Obeng-Odoom@uts.edu.au.

SPECIAL ISSUE

Authors of papers accepted for presentation at the 2018 AREF conference will be entitled to submit their papers for consideration in the associated conference issue of the *African Review of Economics and Finance*, the *Ghanaian Journal of Economics*, or the *Journal of African Political Economy and Development*. Please contact the conference organisers to discuss opportunities of publishing your article after the conference.

PUBLICATION IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The conference proceedings will be published in book form that complies fully with the South African Department of Higher Education and Training requirements for accreditation.

A.K FOSU PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER

The A.K. Fosu prize will be awarded to recognise high quality research presented at the annual AREF conference. This highly competitive award is made to the author(s) of the paper judged by the editors of AREF to be the best presented at the conference. The A.K Fosu prize was initiated by organisers of the AREF conference to honour the contributions of the great economist and academic leader, Professor Extraordinary Augustin Kwasi Fosu (<http://isser.edu.gh/index.php/senior-members/30-prof-augustin-k-fosu>).

Eligibility:

- The award is open to all conference participants, however, interested delegates need to apply specifically and indicate whether they want their paper(s) to be considered for the award.
- Papers are subjected to the normal *African Review of Economics and Finance* peer review process.
- Papers deemed publishable by the panel of reviewers will be presented to the team of AREF editors.
- The award winner is selected by a vote of all the editors based on the review reports **and** a further assessment by the editors themselves.
- The Executive Director of the African Finance and Economics Consult informs the award recipient of the outcome.
- The award will be given at the AREF Conference.

Benefits: Recipients are given a \$300 honorarium, an award certificate, and the opportunity to develop the paper further for publication in AREF.

To be considered for the Best Conference Paper Award, submit your paper to: Dr. Franklin Obeng-Odoom Franklin.Obeng-Odoom@uts.edu.au. Make sure to identify your paper as a conference paper and include the dates and location of the conference.

Wits Business School

The 2018 AREF conference will take place at the Wits Business School. "Wits Business School" is the Graduate School of Business Administration in the University of the Witwatersrand, one of the top tertiary institutes in Africa. The School offers a variety of postgraduate academic programmes and executive education programmes as well as weekly public seminars. WBS also designs tailor-made, in-company programmes, partnering with client organisations to develop management capacity. With a full suite of programmes on offer, WBS delivers innovative, transformative, and immersive learning experiences using generative thinking methodologies.

The School's aim is to deliver leaders who can fashion the future of Africa and raise the values-bar on how business is done on the continent. Learning is therefore relevant to the challenges and opportunities that we face on this continent, providing students with a deep understanding of the complexities of doing business in Africa within a global



Wits is recognised internationally as a leading research university. More WBS faculty have PhDs than any other business school on the continent and include several NRF-rated scholars. WBS has an extensive Management Library, 24-hour meeting rooms and Africa's largest Case Study Centre, housing over 200 real-life cases that bring relevant business challenges into the classroom.

The main campus is in Parktown and our satellite campus is in Braamfontein, both in Johannesburg, the vibrant, commercial hub of the continent. For more information on the Wits Business School, please visit www.wbs.ac.za