(2024) Call for Papers: KDI School-World Bank DIME 5th Development Impact Conference

We're thrilled to announce the 5th Development Impact Conference, a collaborative effort between the KDI School of Public Policy and Management and the World Bank DIME. Mark your calendars for November 14-15, 2024, as we gather in the vibrant city of Seoul, Korea. This event serves as a hub for high-quality academic research and rigorous impact evaluations of development programs conducted in developing countries. It fosters dialogue among policymakers, development practitioners, donors, and researchers, all united by a shared goal: to enhance the effectiveness of development policies. While all development topics are welcome, we will give particular consideration to papers on the following topics:

- · Climate Change, Energy, and the Environment
- Conflict, Fragile States, and Governance
- Social Protection, Education, and Health
- Agriculture and Food Security
- Labor Markets and Employment
- · Financial Inclusion and Digital Transformation
- · Gender and Inclusive Development

The past conference programs can be found for 2023, 2022 and 2021.

We also invite graduate students to submit a research paper or extended abstract with preliminary findings for a lightning session, featuring a 5-minute presentation for each speaker, followed by a poster session providing further opportunities to share their research with conference attendees.

Keynote Speaker

We are excited to have Professor Nishith Prakash, from Northeastern University, as our keynote speaker.

Submission Requirements

All submissions must be in English. Only complete paper drafts will be considered for the main conference sessions. Graduate students applying for the lightning sessions must submit either a full paper or an extended abstract. Applicants should fill out a form and submit their paper (main/lightning/poster session) or extended abstract (lightning/poster session) using <u>Google</u> Form Link by **September 22nd, 2024**. The conference will be fully in-person and remote presentations will not be considered. The selection process will be based on paper quality and relevance to the conference topics.

Application Link : <u>https://forms.gle/UYnUychmkJyN6RKT6</u>

Important Dates

Submission Deadline: September 22nd, 2024 Decision Notification: October 4th, 2024 Conference Dates: November 14-15, 2024

Travel Subsidies

Partial travel subsidies may be available for graduate students presenting in the lightning sessions. All submissions will be automatically considered for subsidies and we will communicate that decision by October 4th.

Conference Committee

The conference committee comprises individuals from KDI School and World Bank DIME:

- Dongil Lee, Assistant Professor, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
- Josh Merfeld, Associate Professor, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
- David Sungho Park, Assistant Professor, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
- Jinseong Park, Assistant Professor, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
- Trinh Pham, Assistant Professor, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
- Chungeun Yoon, Assistant Professor, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
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