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Call for Abstracts for the International Writing Workshop Programme in Development Economics for ECRs in Vietnam and Thailand

Three rounds of workshops in Vietnam and Thailand in December 2024, July 2025 and December 2025, supplemented by online Zoom sessions

With funding from the British Academy, we are pleased to announce the call for proposals for the International Writing Workshop Programme for Early Career Researchers (ECRs) in Vietnam and Thailand from September 2024 to March 2026, which will be held in these countries.

The main activities of the two-year project are three rounds of writing workshops in Vietnam and Thailand in December 2024 (in Binh Duong Province on 7-8 December and 17-18 December in Bangkok (TBC)), July 2025 and December 2025, linked with the Vietnam Economist Annual Meeting (VEAM). The second and third rounds of the workshops will likely take place in Hanoi and Bangkok (TBC), respectively, and some of them will be linked with international conferences. The programme will be administratively supported by the Southeast Asia Regional Office of the British Embassy.

The programme's objective is to provide hands-on mentoring for ECRs in Vietnam and Thailand in applying for research grants, writing academic papers and handling critical reviewers' comments for publication in high-impact international journals in development economics.

A special issue of the [*Review of Development Economics*](#) (RDE) (Impact factor: 1.6 (2022); SJR 0.64; Quartile 2 in Development; H-Index: 62 (2023)) will accommodate selected high-quality papers from participants in both countries. The project co-principal investigators, Prof. Dr. Katsushi Imai (The University of Manchester), co-editor of RDE, and Dr. Minh Tam Bui (Srinakharinwirot University), will lead all three rounds of workshops. Prof. Andy McKay (The University of Sussex, Editor-in-Chief of RDE), Dr. Ngoc Anh Nguyen (The Development and Policies Research Center (DEPOCEN)), Prof. Binh Tran-Nam (UNSW Sydney), Prof. Sai Ding (The University of Glasgow, a co-editor of RDE) and Dr. Thanh Bui (The University of St Andrews) will also participate in workshops either in person or online.

Eligibility:

ECRs based in universities or research institutes in Vietnam and Thailand are eligible to apply. ECRs are broadly defined as researchers within 10-15 years of completing a PhD degree in economics, development study or other relevant subjects, the final stage of the PhD study, or those without a PhD degree but possessing relevant research experience. Preferences are given to those who have not yet published papers in high-impact international journals in economics or development economics. Joint projects/proposals with established senior scholars are not eligible. Once you are selected, you are required to attend all three rounds of the workshops and supplementary online Zoom sessions.

Submission of the Abstract:

Abstract of your proposed paper/project (500 words maximum, specifying research question, hypotheses, possible contribution, methodology and datasets, etc.) and your CV needs to be submitted by **5 pm (Hanoi–Bangkok Time) on the 28th of July 2024**. Please submit these documents [HERE](#) for participants in Vietnam and [HERE](#) for participants in Thailand. QR codes are found at the end of this call.

Decisions will be made by the 31st of August 2024. No feedback on unsuccessful applications will be provided due to the time constraint.

The topic of the proposed paper/project: Any topic on development economics (see [the aims and scope of RDE](#)) is welcome. However, issues related to gender inequality or addressing any other forms of inequality in developing countries are particularly welcome.

Selection Process:

15-20 ECRs in Vietnam and 15-20 ECRs in Thailand will be selected by the instructors.

Notes:

1. Participants are responsible for booking travel and accommodation themselves. Depending on the needs, a limited number of travel grants are available for 2–3 ECRs for each round.
2. Childcare support may be provided on request.
3. Participation in the programme does not guarantee publication in the special issue of RDE, as all the papers will undergo peer review. However, instructors will give ECRs detailed advice on how to deal with reviewers' comments.

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Application Link for ECRs in Thailand