Call for Papers

The Economics Department at Vanderbilt University is holding a conference on November 10 - 12 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its Graduate Program in Economic Development (GPED). The GPED is the oldest program in the United States that confers the M.A. degree in economics to students primarily (but not exclusively) from developing countries. The program has over 1300 alumni from 120 countries. Many graduates have pursued careers in public service in their home countries or at international agencies, and a number have gone on to receive more advanced degrees. Among the distinguished graduates of the program are finance ministers and heads of central banks from a number of countries and the founder of the Grameen Bank.

The theme for the conference is “Globalization and the Developing Countries.” Invited speakers will include Kaushik Basu, James Foster, T.N. Srinivasan, Jeffrey Williamson, and Alan Winters. In addition to the invited speakers, we have openings for a number of contributed papers on topics such as economic growth and development, the role of developing countries in international trade and trade agreements, the effect of globalization on poverty and income distribution, and financial factors in economic development.

The conference sessions will take place from 9 am on Friday, November 10 to noon on Sunday, November 12, 2006. An opening reception for the conference will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 9.

A selection of the conference papers will be published in a special issue of the Review of Development Economics.

The deadline for submissions is September 15.

Submissions should be either a copy of the paper to be presented or an extended abstract (at least 500 words). Electronic submissions should be sent to
gped-conference@vanderbilt.edu

If you prefer to submit a hard copy of the paper or abstract, please send it to
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The conference program will be posted on the conference web site by the end of September.