

CALL FOR PAPERS

Dear colleague,

February 24, 2015

We will be editing a special issue of the *Review of International Organizations* on "International Organizations and Development Finance," and I would like to invite you to submit an article for the issue.

Research in both economics and political science endeavors to explain the allocation, impact and the multilateral organization of development finance. This special issue seeks to publish papers that employ new theories, new methods, or new empirical evidence that can help us understand the political economy of international organizations connected to development finance. Papers can address a range of different issues and organizations including, but not limited to:

1. How do we explain the creation and institutional design of new international organizations or the reform of extant IOs in the area of development finance?

2. How does multilateral assistance differ from bilateral or hybrid forms of development finance? Is it allocated to different places or for different purposes? Does it have different effects? Is it perceived differently by recipient governments or intended beneficiaries?

3. How do global IOs, such as the World Bank or United Nations agencies, differ from regional IOs in terms of their policies, procedures, and lending portfolios?

4. Given that new data sources provide more detailed information on the location, purpose, and channel of delivery, how does more granular data and/or more complete data coverage affect our understanding of aid allocation or impact?

5. How do new actors, including rising powers such as India, Brazil, and China, as well as private actors such as firms, private foundations, and non-governmental organizations shape the configuration and effectiveness of development finance and/or the allocation decisions of multilateral donors?

6. Do different types or sectors of multilateral aid have greater or lesser effects on outcomes in governance and conventional indicators of development? Can these patterns be detected in the newly available data on project evaluations?

While submissions do not require the use of any particular data sources, authors can access a large number of <u>new and forthcoming datasets</u> that may be helpful in addressing research questions related to development finance and international organizations.

The deadline for submissions for the special issue is April 15, 2016. Submissions should be made through Editorial Manager (<u>http://www.editorialmanager.com/roio/</u>), indicating that the submission is to the special issue ("SI: International Organizations and Development Finance").

Sincerely,

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