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Financial Crises, Poverty and Environmental Sustainability

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Financial Crises, Poverty and Environmental Sustainability in the Context of the Sustainable Development Goals

*Bringing together experts from different academic disciplines, and national and international policy making organisations, **the workshop aims** both to advance the state-of-the-art research in the financial distress-poverty-environmental sustainability nexus, and to produce recommendations for policy action needed in the framework of the SDGs.*

OVERVIEW

Global debt has reached historically unprecedented levels at a time when substantially more funding is required for keeping the SDGs within reach. Financial distress has intensified, especially among low income countries, with significant negative impacts on social and poverty dynamics across a range of indicators, e.g. income, access to basic needs, health, education, and environmental poverty. Yet, the impact of these social and poverty dynamics on different aspects of environmental sustainability (e.g. air pollutant emissions, forests/deforestation, water quality, ocean pollution, biodiversity, climate change, recycling, energy efficiency, sustainable consumption, agriculture and food, and green initiatives and R&D) remains under-studied. The workshop aims to bring together new evidence and to advance a new research programme on the nexus of financial crises, poverty dynamics and environmental sustainability within the framework of the UN SDGs. The purpose is to foster a better understanding of the multiple, complex and often opposing ways and channels through which the ‘punctuated degrowth’ of financial crises, poverty dynamics and environmental sustainability interact.

MAIN THEMES

We aspire to bring together academic and policy-oriented contributions from across social and natural sciences that present new evidence, analysis or thinking on the interaction between financial crises, poverty and the environment and subsequent policy implications. Main themes include:

- qualitative case-studies that focus on singular states, regions, sectors or financial crises
- quantitative studies that generate new insights based on statistical analysis of larger samples of states, regions, sectors or crises
- studies that use simulation techniques or machine learning in capturing the impact of financial crises and multidimensional poverty on the environment
- papers that focus on single aspects of environmental sustainability (e.g. air, water, forests, sea, biodiversity, recycling, energy efficiency, consumption, agriculture and food security) or that try to assess the impact of financial crises and poverty on a range of environmental sustainability aspects
- papers that assess how the economic conditionality advanced by International Financial Institutions in moments of financial crisis impact on the involved states' environmental dynamics, and how this conditionality can be improved to account for environmental costs
- papers that focus on changes in government environment initiatives or expenditure during or after financial crises
- papers that otherwise aim to advance the theme of the workshop

SUBMISSION DEADLINE & FURTHER PARTICULARS

We invite contributions from both senior and junior researchers (including advanced PhD students). **The deadline for abstract submission is 27 FEBRUARY 2020.** Successful applicants will be notified by 16 March 2020. Participation is free of charge (i.e. there is no workshop fee) and includes lunch and tea/coffee breaks. Participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Limited funding will be available for accommodation expenses, and partial reimbursement of travel expenses for presenters from low-income and middle-income countries ([World Bank](#)). The best papers will be disseminated through the UNDP-UNEP Poverty-Environment Action for SDGs and UNRISD websites and through the Sussex Sustainability Research Programme, and will subsequently be reviewed for publication as a journal special issue and/or an edited book with a leading publisher. For any further information please contact: Dr Andreas Antoniadis at A.A.Antoniades@sussex.ac.uk or Dr Alexander Antonarakis at A.Antonarakis@sussex.ac.uk.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in participating, please apply by sending in a single word document the following information to: FCES@sussex.ac.uk. In the email subject line please put 'BANGKOK WORKSHOP'.

1. An abstract (250-500 words) that includes the paper title, your name, current affiliation/position, and current contact details.
2. Funding statement: If funding is required, please state clearly at the end of your abstract whether: (a) funding is essential for your participation, and (b) whether you request 'accommodation only', or 'accommodation + travel'. Please provide brief reasoning.
3. Brief CV note (up to 2 pages).

The deadline for submission is 27 FEBRUARY 2020. Please note that places are limited.

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