



Department of Economics & Politics
VISVA-BHARATI
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Announces

3rd Young Scholars' Workshop
on
Development Economics

18 February 2026 (Wednesday)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers (within 8,000 words including Tables, Figures and References) from scholars, early career faculty members and researchers of all fields of Economics are invited for the above-mentioned workshop to be held in at the Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, India on 18 February 2026.

Full papers along with abstracts of about 200 words along with contact address, telephone/mobile no, email address and the institutional affiliation of the author(s) may be submitted by email to: [ysw.ecopolvb@gmail.com](mailto:yw.ecopolvb@gmail.com) within **31 January 2026**.

Important Dates:

- Last date of submission of full papers: **31 January 2026**
- Communication about selected papers: **05 February 2026**
- Date of the workshop: **18 February 2026**

Details of Registration Fee, Travel and Local Hospitality:

- There is **NO Registration Fee** for the paper presenters.
- Paper presenters will be awarded Certificate of Paper Presentation.
- The Best Paper will be awarded with certificate.
- All the papers will be discussed rigorously by dedicated discussants.
- Lunch, Tea and Coffee will be served on the day of the workshop.
- No reimbursement of travel costs and no provision for accommodation.

Papers and articles are invited in all areas related to the workshop theme. Topics of interest include, but not limited to:

- 1) Globalization and development
- 2) Poverty and inequality
- 3) Economics of human capital
- 4) Agricultural and rural development
- 5) International trade and finance
- 6) Political economy of development
- 7) environmental sustainability
- 8) Sustainable development

About Visva-Bharati:

Visva-Bharati was founded in 1921 by the first non-European Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Thakur (popularly known as Tagore). In May 1951, Visva-Bharati was declared to be a Central University and "An Institution of National Importance" by an Act of Parliament. It was granted the status of a unitary, teaching and residential university. The President of India is the Paridarsaka (Visitor) of the University, the Governor of West Bengal is the Pradhana (Rector), and the Prime Minister of India acts as the Acharya (Chancellor). The present Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati is Professor Sanjoy K Mallik.

Nearest Railway Station: Bolpur station (roughly 150 km from Howrah station and takes about two and half hours)

Nearest Airports: Durgapur Airport (70 KM, takes about one and half hours) and Kolkata Airport (164 KM and takes about four hours)

About the Department of Economics & Politics:

The Department of Economics & Politics of Visva-Bharati began its journey as a separate department in 1953 under the Siksha-Bhavana (Institute of Science). Later it came under the Vidya Bhavana (Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences) and the first batch of postgraduate students came out in 1958 and the first PhD was awarded in 1969. Currently the Department is placed in the building 'Vidya-Bhavana Angana'. The Department offers UG, PG and PhD courses, under the guidance of eminent professors.

For any additional information, the team members may be contacted:

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