Queries and responses on call for papers

UNU-WIDER Symposium on the Political Economy of Social Protection Systems

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My paper is under review in a major political science journal and therefore I cannot accept the publication of the paper in another journal/series. Can I still attend your symposium or should I submit another paper?

Answer:
Unfortunately only papers that have not been submitted for publication to a journal, and therefore are potentially eligible to be considered for publication in the WIDER Working Paper series, and subsequently in a special issue of a leading academic journal, will be considered for the call. Only contributing authors will be invited to participate in the Symposium.

Question 2:
Regarding the transfer of copyright to UNU-WIDER, do the authors commit themselves to accept the paper to be published in the special journal, in case the paper is selected for the Symposium?

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Question 3:
Shall we submit the CVs of both authors? In case only one CV is accepted, do you have a preference for an ‘established’ researcher or a PhD student?

Answer:
Please upload the CV of the leading author and list the coauthor(s) on the submission form.

Question 4:
At the proposal preparation stage, we are concerned how much empirical data should be consulted?

Answer:
We are open to all approaches, either theoretical or empirical, as long as the research question is relevant to the call. In the evaluation, much emphasis will also be given to scientific excellence, so please make sure that you clearly specify the value added to the literature and the novelty of the methods.