ESI Working Groups

ESI research groups are organized on a multidisciplinary basis to bring together Fellows from different disciplines working on a similar range of issues. The groups will meet regularly during the duration of the training. The regular meetings of the groups will consist of presentations of the work in progress and the discussion of more general research issues, such as the reading of key or recent works related to the group’s theme.

Each WG has a general topic and is chaired by one of the ESI experts. The WG chair maintains communication with the WG members, schedules the Zoom meetings and shares the links with the WG members. The WG chair structures the WG meetings and opens a discussion.

The following WG activities are expected:

1st Meeting:
Introduction of the WG members and their research proposals. Each WG member will briefly (15 minutes) present his/her research topic and hi/her recently published research articles and academic activities.
A discussion will be opened regarding matching points between the different academic areas of the WG members. This discussion should lead to identifying common ground/topic for joint research article, book chapter, or a review of literature.

2nd Meeting:
The title/topic of the joint paper should be determined. However, the WG members may decide to work together on creating blog posts where each candidate will present the most significant academic discoveries in a particular academic field. The blog posts will be announced on the ESI blog and will provide communication of the scientific discoveries with a wider audience.
As a joint activity, the WG members may decide to organize a one-day roundtable on a given topic where some important speakers will be invited. Other ESI postdoctoral candidates and their research advisors will be also invited to participate and share their ideas.

3rd Meeting:
Draft version of the joint paper will be presented including suggestions for the research methods and data mining. The chair will open a discussion about the responsibilities of the WG members and the timeline of completion.
The draft version of the joint paper may be presented at the ESI conference.

4th Meeting:
The final version of the joint paper will be prepared. However, the WG members may decide only to prepare a summary of the WG activities and the academic output.
The research article, book chapter, or the review of literature will be presented at one of the ESI conferences.
The members will open a discussion where to submit the paper for publication.

* The time of the WG meetings is announced on the ESI Program’s website. However, the number of meetings is not limited to 4. The WG members may decide to organize additional meetings.

Each candidate will participate in one of the following ESI Program WGs.
- Economics and Leadership in a Post-crisis period.
- The role of the state and the international system in the 21st century.
- Gender, Culture, and Religion.
- Sustainable Development.
- Interdisciplinarity (in Spanish Language)