

Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)

EGAP is a research, evaluation, and learning network with worldwide reach that promotes rigorous knowledge accumulation, innovation, and evidence-based policy in various governance domains. It does so by fostering academic-practitioner collaborations, developing tools and methods for analytical rigor, and training academics and practitioners alike, with an intensive focus in the Global South. To learn more, visit egap.org.



EGAP Membership & Meetings

EGAP's [global network](#) is composed of experts studying and implementing governance innovations. The network includes 207 researcher members and 44 institutional members across 38 countries. 40% of EGAP members are women. 39% of researcher members are either from or based in the Global South, and 48% of institutional members are based in the Global South. At EGAP's [meetings](#), researchers and practitioners foster research collaborations and improve research designs on cutting-edge social science topics.

EGAP Priority Themes

EGAP established a set of [priority themes](#) in 2021 to focus research priorities around critical global issues. These priority themes serve to advance our understanding on governance interventions and bring together members whose research relates to the topic. The priority themes include:

- **Crime Reduction & Policy Accountability**
- **Displacement, Migration, & Integration**
- **Climate Change Governance**
- **Democracy, Conflict, & Polarization**

Priority Theme Seminar Series

This series highlights researcher-practitioner collaborations around intervention-oriented research on the priority themes. The seminars showcase individual research collaborations or share the state of evidence around a specific topic under the theme.



Research Grants Program

EGAP's [research grants program](#) funds promising researchers in the Global South to address inequities in access to research funding. In 2021, EGAP awarded 12 grants for studies on the priority themes and 10 grants on COVID-19 studies to examine the effects of COVID-19 on governance. In total, EGAP supported 22 teams in 15 different countries in Asia, Latin America, and sub-Saharan Africa.

Regional Hubs

EGAP seeks to expand its capacity for global research exchange, foster country-level and regional research partnerships, and promote uptake through the establishment of regional hubs. The [Latin America Regional Hub](#) was established in 2021 in partnership with the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. The [West Africa Regional Hub](#) was established in 2022 in partnership with Centre for Research and Action for Peace in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. These hubs coordinate activities such as methods trainings, policy events, feedback sessions, and speakers' series, while focusing substantively on EGAP's priority theme of displacement, migration, & integration, and democracy, conflict, & polarization themes respectively.





Experimental Methods Training in the Global South (Learning Days)

Learning Days workshops are intensive experimental methods workshops designed to produce more high-quality research on governance and development. To date, 168 Global South researchers and practitioners from 31 countries have participated in the workshops. In 2022, the Latin America Regional Hub and West Africa Regional Hub organized Learning Days workshops on experimental research methods. In addition to the workshops aimed at building capacity of future principal investigators in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa, EGAP plans to expand the Learning Days workshops to various audiences including journalists and policymakers.

Metaketa Initiative

The Metaketa Initiative is a collaborative, multi-site research model designed to foster knowledge accumulation and produce cumulative policy-relevant research. The model takes a major question of policy importance for governance outcomes, identifies an intervention, and implements a cluster of coordinated research that can provide a reliable answer to the question. There are five Metaketa rounds, a round is a group of research projects studying the same topic, comprised of five to six studies each, for a total of 29 studies in 18 different countries. The themes for the five coordinated studies include:

- Information & Accountability
- Taxation
- Natural Resource Governance
- Community Policing
- Women's Action Committees & Local Services



Resources & Tools

EGAP publishes numerous resources aimed at improving the quality of social science research and research collaboration. EGAP's policy briefs highlights EGAP members' research findings and policy relevance of research that evaluates the impact of various governance innovations. EGAP has produced 78 policy briefs. EGAP's blog features research by EGAP members and their co-authors, as well as highlight their collaborations with implementing partners. The series include: Q&A with Members, COVID-19 Governance, Election Series, and Priority Theme Spotlights.

EGAP also seeks to improve methods for rigorous impact evaluation and to make existing methods accessible to a wider audience. The Methods Guides are ten-point primers on a range of methodological and research topics. To date, EGAP has published 32 methods guides.

EGAP continues to promote the sharing of accurate and transparent information on research projects through the EGAP Registry, which continues to gain prominence as a resource for social science researchers, with over 2,500 registered designs.