

GLOBALIZATION TRENDLAB 2015

Overcoming the Infrastructure Gap

**The Lauder Institute, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, March 17-20, 2015**

WE INVITE applications from faculty and researchers affiliated with the global network of Santander Universities for a four-day workshop and conference.

The Globalization TrendLab at the Lauder Institute and The Wharton School seeks to generate new knowledge and analysis on the problems and opportunities inherent to a global economy through annual academic conferences linking highly respected global scholars and practitioners. The fifth conference will focus on the theme of **Overcoming the Infrastructure Gap**.

We have invited thought leaders from diverse disciplinary (e.g., management, civil & environmental engineering, finance and public policy) and professional (e.g., infrastructure services, consulting, private equity, multilateral agencies, governments officials and civil society) backgrounds to analyze specific challenges faced in substantially expanding global investment in infrastructure services and to propose innovative solutions through focused panels.

The conference will synthesize our collective learning on the topic of **Overcoming the Infrastructure Gap** and offer guidance on new thinking and potential strategies to business leaders, policymakers and academics. The workshop and conference discussions will focus on issues such as:

- Role of institutional and non-traditional investors in new infrastructure spending
- Coordination of activity among counterparties to reduce cost overruns and delays
- Mitigation of inevitable socio-political challenges at the national and local level
- Insuring broad-based social benefits and cooperation with civil society

A copy of the white papers summarizing conferences held in 2011-2014 on Risk, Sustainability, Poverty and Inequality, and the State can be downloaded [here](#).

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