

PEGNet NEWSLETTER VOLUME 19

Welcome to the Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network's (PEGNet's) quarterly newsletter. In this issue we would like to inform you that registration for our annual conference is open and that the conference program is now available online. As usual, we will also update you with news and future events from our members.

We hope you will enjoy our newsletter. This and past editions are available online: [PEGNet Newsletter Archive](#).



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1. Call for Registration: PEGNet Conference

We would like to inform you that the registration for the PEGNet 2014 Conference on 'Employment strategies in the Developing World - How to create sufficient, productive and decent jobs' is now open. The conference will be held in collaboration with the Zambia Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (ZIPAR) and will take place on September 18 and 19, 2014 at the [New Government Complex](#) in Lusaka.

This year's conference will consist of a mix of researchers and practitioners working on the poverty reduction, equity and growth nexus. Francisco Ferreira, the World Bank Chief Economist for Africa, will give a keynote speech on 'Growth, Inequality and Poverty Reduction in Africa'. In addition, Simon Quinn who is an Associate Professor at the University of Oxford, Department of Economics and Deputy Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economics will give the young professional keynote on 'The dynamics of job transitions: A new approach to measure heterogeneity within and between countries'.

The conference will also consist of other interesting talks such as a roundtable discussion on 'Promoting Structural Change for Creating Employment' and a debate that questions whether minimum

wages are pro-poor. The debates at past PEGNet conferences have always been very popular due to their interactive nature that allows participants to vote on a position both before and after the talk. The conference will also have a very interesting set of parallel sessions which have all been included in the conference program that is now available on our website.

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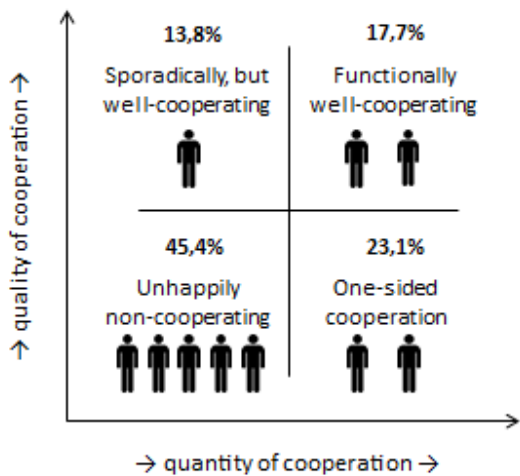
To confirm your participation at this exciting conference, please fill in the registration form available on our [>>conference registration website<<](#) Please note that only participants that have registered will be allowed to attend this conference.

2. PEGNet Research published as Kiel Policy Brief

Early this year, Linda Kleemann (the PEGNet Managing Director) and Maximilian Neumann (a former PEGNet Intern) conducted a survey on the demand by development researchers for enhanced cooperation with practitioners and policy makers.

The survey showed that 45 percent of development researchers are unhappy about the levels of cooperation with development practitioners. Only 17.7 percent of researchers indicated that the

quantity and quality of cooperation with practitioners was above average.



The results of this survey have been published as a Kiel Policy Brief and in the May edition of the Development and Cooperation Magazine (D+C).

Kiel Policy Brief: [here](#)

Article in D+C: [here](#)

More information on the survey: [here](#)

3. PEGNet session at the EADI General Conference

Motivated by results from PEGNet surveys that show that development researchers and practitioners engage in limited cooperation, PEGNet organized a session at the 2014 [EADI General Conference](#) on 'Bridging the gap - designing effective cooperation between academia and practitioners for better results'.



Previous winners of the PEGNet Best Practice Award shared their experiences on how they successfully managed to achieve cooperation between development practice and research with other conference participants. A summary of this session is available on the EADI 2014 General Conference blog.

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4. News from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) recently launched the Zukunftscharta (Charter for the Future: One World – Our Responsibility). The Zukunftscharta is an initiative that aims at fostering responsible behavior. The goal is to incorporate the voices and opinions of active and committed citizen, churches and NGOs in the process of creating sustainable development goals.



The formulation of the Zukunftscharta proceeds in several steps and on several levels, to integrate all the interested parties. In order to find a structured solution, the contributions are divided in five subject areas: ecology, sociology,

economics, global partnerships, politics and cultural issues.

On June 17 and 18, 2014 the thematic forum on the Economic Dimension of Sustainability (Themenforum 3: Die Ökonomische Dimension von Nachhaltigkeit) was hosted by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy. The forum was attended by PEGNet members and other members of the development community.



PEGNet Director, Prof. Manfred Wiebelt giving a presentation at the forum.

For more information on the Zukunftscharta and to participate in the online discussion please refer to the website at the link given below.

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5. Call for Papers: Conference on Economic Development in Africa

The call for papers for the Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference on Economic Development in



Africa to be held at St

Catherine's College, Oxford on 22-24 March 2015 is open.

Papers addressing economic analysis of the broad issues relevant for economic development in Africa are invited for the CSAE 2015 conference. Deadline for submissions is 31 October 2014.

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6. Call for Papers: Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries

The Experimental Social Science Laboratory (X-lab) and the Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) at the University of California at Berkeley, and The Choice Lab at NHH Norwegian School of Economics are pleased to announce the 2014 Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries (SEEDEC) to be held from December 10-11 at the Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen, Norway.

The aim of the conference is to bring together the community of scholars who employ laboratory experimental economics methods for research in developing countries. Deadline for submissions is 15 September 2014.

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7. Call for Papers: Workshop on Political Institutions and Inclusive Development

The Governance Department at the German Development Institute and the Hertie School of Governance are organizing a workshop on political institutions and inclusive development. The workshop will feature innovative empirical and analytic papers on the effects of political institutions on economic or human development outcomes. The workshop seeks to provide a space where authors can receive high-quality feedback from other scholars working on similar issues and to create opportunities for collaboration among participants. The deadline for submissions is 31 August 2014.

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8. African Economic Outlook 2014

By participating more effectively in the global production of goods and services, Africa can transform its economy and achieve a development breakthrough, according to the latest African Economic Outlook, released at the African Development Bank Group's Annual Meetings.



African Development Bank Group's Annual Meetings

Produced annually by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the OECD Development Centre and the United

Nations Development Programme (UNDP), this year's report shows that Africa has weathered internal and external shocks and is poised to achieve healthy economic growth rates.

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9. News from EADI

A new EADI working group on Social Protection has been established as a working group at the 2014 EADI General Conference that took place on 23-26 June this year in Bonn. The group aims at exchanging information, discussing ongoing research and new trends related to social protection and facilitating co-operation in research and dissemination activities. Every researcher is most welcome to join the working group by sending an e-mail to its conveners:



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10. News from PEP

The 17 new granted project teams are from 14 different countries - including 2 from low-income countries. They involve a total of 71 developing country researchers - 60% female.



These projects were selected out of the finalists who had been invited to present their proposals at the 12th PEP general meeting in May 2014, in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The selected research teams will now benefit from the unique PEP “grant plus” support mechanism which comprises not only financial support, but also training, mentoring, technical support, access to resources, international networking, professional development and dissemination grants.

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11. News from 3ie

Emmanuel Jimenez will succeed Howard White as Executive Director of 3ie.



Dr Emmanuel Jimenez

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3ie, the Asian Development Bank and Philippine Institute for Development Studies are hosting Making Impact Evaluation Matter, a major international impact evaluation conference, in Manila from 1 to 5 September 2014.

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3ie has announced a vacancy for a Senior Evaluation Specialist to serve in their Washington, DC Office and a vacancy for an Evaluation Specialist, Humanitarian Assistance to serve in their New Delhi office.

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