

PEGNet Newsletter Volume 12

The **PEGNet conference 2012** is over and was a success! See papers [here](#) and photos [here](#). We are proud to announce that the next **PEGNet Conference in 2013** will be in cooperation with the University of Copenhagen in October 2013. And we are looking for a **new team member** and we now have an [advisory board](#).

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For the fourth time the Best Practice Award was granted at the PEGNet Conference 2012 to a project that has achieved effective interaction between research and practice. This year the collaboration between the Université d’Abomey-Calavi and Université de Parakou (Benin); University of Göttingen, KfW and BMZ Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Germany); ETH Zurich (Switzerland); Free University Amsterdam and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Netherlands) won the award for the *quantitative impact analysis of rural public water supply*. Congratulations!



2. PEGNet is seeking a new team member



The research area "**poverty reduction, equity and development**" at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy seeks candidates for the position of a

Research economist (Ph.D.)

starting in January 2013. The successful candidate will combine research and coordination activities in support of the Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet). The latter includes the organization of conferences and workshops, support of visiting researchers, maintenance of the PEGNet website (<http://www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de/>), and support in the strategic development of the network.

The research agenda of the group is shown at <http://www.ifw-kiel.de/forschung/armutsminderung-und-entwicklung>. Research focusses, among other things, on the effectiveness of development aid and the welfare impacts of international migration.

Candidates should have at least a Master's degree in economics, agricultural economics or a related field. We also expect a strong quantitative background in microeconomics and interest in the topics of our research area. Knowledge of econometrics and experience with

relevant software would be an advantage. Candidates should be fluent in English and have an outstanding academic record. Knowledge of German is not required but would be helpful. Candidates are supported to pursue their PhD at the University of Kiel or another university.

Excellent communication skills are required to promote cooperation in PEGNet. PEGNet is a multidisciplinary and multicultural network that supports the exchange of ideas between researchers and practitioners of various international organizations.

The Institute for the World Economy is an internationally oriented Think Tank for applied economic research. It supports the professional development and international networking of its employees in research, teaching and policy advice. In the context of PEGNet, it is possible to conduct a research visit to a European or African partner institution.

The position (0.75 of a full position) is initially for two years, starting on January 1, 2012. Salary is determined according to the salary scheme of the German public sector (EG 13 TV-L). Part-time employment is possible. The Kiel Institute is an equal opportunity employer.

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Applicants should provide a letter of application, a detailed CV training and certificates, proof of employment and up to 3 references – names and coordinates are enough - here: https://www.ifw-kiel.de/about-us/job-vacancies/Application_Form.

The application deadline is September 30th, 2012. The interviews will take place in October/ November 2012.

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PEGNet Conference 2013

How to Shape Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Economies in the Developing World – Global, Regional, and Local Solutions

Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

October 17-18, 2013

The Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Growth Network's (PEGNet) conference 2013 on „**How to Shape Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Economies in the Developing World – Global, Regional, and Local Solutions**“ will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, October 17-18, 2013, in cooperation with the Department of Economics at University of Copenhagen.

Conference theme

Economic growth has come largely at the expense of natural resource depletion and environmental degradation, and has not yet provided the basis for substantial reductions in economic and social inequality, which is why the concept of green growth aims to find ways to make growth compatible with environmental sustainability without neglecting the social dimension.

What is needed for this to happen is institutional reform and good policies, which aim to get prices right and fix markets, address coordination failures and knowledge externalities, and assign property rights and prices to environmental services.

Inclusive green growth policies are difficult to design and, even in best case scenarios, no panacea for overcoming developing economies' structural shortcomings that have been excluding the poor from the benefits of growth.

This raises several questions: How to tailor inclusive green growth strategies to a country's specific circumstances, with an emphasis on maximizing local and immediate benefits for the poor? How to implement policy changes and strategies in scenarios where groups that do not benefit from the adjustments make decided efforts to block reforms?

The conference will address cross-sectoral issues and aspects related to sustainable management of sectors like agriculture, industry, energy and transport; as well as the adoption of sustainable life styles reducing individual ecological footprints, equity concerns, and strategies for poverty eradication. In particular, but not exclusively, we invite contributions (papers and projects) that provide answers to the following questions:

- What lessons can be learned from existing poverty reduction strategies about the scope for making social, economic and environmental objectives mutually reinforcing?
- What mix of regulatory, market-based and informative instruments is needed to facilitate the transition towards green growth which is pro-poor and inclusive?
- Are there models of agriculture, which can sustainably meet increased demand for food, feed, fuel and fiber while respecting resource scarcities and the integrity of vital ecosystems?
- What are the technological and financing needs for a green economy transition in agriculture, one that includes and benefits smallholder farmers, agricultural laborers and food security?
- How can the international development community contribute to this?
- How to shape consumer behavior towards green societies in developing and emerging regions?
- How can business and policymakers work together to create a green and inclusive economy, and upscale green and inclusive employment and business models?
- How can green and inclusive growth be modeled?

Conference format

The conference will provide a platform for high-level dialogue and exchange of ideas between development researchers, practitioners and policy-makers. The two conference days will feature parallel sessions based on invited and contributed papers as well as project presentations. The parallel sessions will be complemented by a debate, a round-table discussion, and keynote speeches by renowned speakers from academia, economic policy and development practice. In addition, the PEGNet Best Practice Award will be awarded for the fifth time to best practices in cooperation between researchers and practitioners. While plenary sessions will focus on the conference theme, parallel sessions and Best Practice Award projects are open to all topics surrounding PEGNet's core theme – the nexus between poverty, equity, and growth.

Best Practice Award

This award will be granted to programmes or projects that have achieved effective interaction between research and practice. All initiatives that have proved to put research into action and have thereby fostered cooperation between development research and practice are encouraged to apply. Such initiatives can be development projects or programmes that have incorporated research tools into their design or research projects that have been particularly successful in translating their findings into policy and practice. Initiatives targeted at improving dialogue between researchers and practitioners are also encouraged to apply.

<http://www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de/activities/best-practice-award> provides more information about the award.

The call for papers, projects and Best Practice Award applications will be communicated in January 2013. Selected submissions will be published in a special issue of the Economics E-journal (<http://www.economics-ejournal.org/>).

For more information on PEGNet and the conference please refer to www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de.

Organisers

The conference is co-organised by the Department of Economics at University of Copenhagen, the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), the Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and supported the KfW Development Bank, and the Courant Poverty Research Centre at the University of Göttingen.

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4. News from DIE:

Workshop on Micro and Small Enterprise Upgrading: Insights from Egypt, India and the Philippines in Bonn, 28 November 2012

How do micro and small enterprises (MSEs) in emerging and developing economies upgrade into medium and large sized firms?

Across developed and developing economies empirical observations suggest that most micro and small enterprises are stagnating in their productivity levels and do not contribute to strengthen national and industrial competitiveness. Only a minority of MSEs manage to upgrade their businesses to the next level of productivity, assets and employment. Since the main sources of jobs in almost all emerging and developing economies are private enterprises, private sector development through enterprise growth is of vital importance in all poverty reduction strategies.

In 2012 the German Development Institute (DIE) together with its partners in Germany and project countries has conducted a three-country research project on “Micro and small enterprise upgrading in Egypt, India and the Philippines”. The studies are based mainly on tracing back success stories of small, medium and large-sized enterprises that grew out of the micro segment, with the aims of identifying determinants of firm growth and qualitative upgrading as well as deriving conclusions for policy-makers. On 28 November 2012, the DIE will hold an international workshop with the purpose of discussing what we know and do not

know about MSE growth, and to present the findings of the DIE three country studies on MSME upgrading. The workshop will host a wide range of participants from academia, donor organizations, and development practice.

More workshop details will be announced in the coming weeks at the DIE website (<http://www.die-gdi.de>). For specific enquiries and for further conference, transport and accommodation details, please contact:

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5. RWI Position Paper

Improved Cooking Stoves that End up in Smoke? by Michael Grimm und Jörg Peters

Abstract:

More than 2.7 billion people in developing countries rely on biomass for cooking with profound implications for their well-being. Two million people die every year due to cooking related smoke emissions – more than are killed by malaria. In recent years, an international movement has gained momentum on the level of the United Nations that intends to combat this plight by the dissemination of improved cooking stoves. A recent study conducted by Hanna, Duflo and Greenstone based on a field experiment in India has attracted much attention, also in the popular press. It does not confirm the optimistic results on the impacts of improved cooking stoves that hitherto can be found in the literature. Editorial notes in newspapers like the New York Times took up findings from the study and vehemently criticized the international efforts to improve access to cleaner cooking fuels as ineffective. The present *RWI Positionen* policy paper argues that this journalistic verdict is premature and that the results of the study are overstressed. While the study is in principle a meaningful

contribution to the improved stoves literature, its findings are very specific to the local environment in which it was conducted and as we argue the insights can barely be transferred to other areas in the developing world.

Link to the Paper: <http://www.rwi-essen.de/publikationen/rwi-positionen/281/>

6. News from 3ie

3ie Request for Qualifications

Kulika-D-Lab Creative Capacity Building Project, Uganda: 3ie is inviting qualifications from teams wishing to be considered for designing and implementing an impact evaluation of the Creative Capacity Building project in Uganda implemented by [Kulika](#) in association with [D-Lab](#) at MIT. Deadline for applications: 2359 hrs GMT, September 27, 2012. [Read more](#)

NEPAD e-Africa Programme: 3ie is requesting qualifications from teams wishing to be considered for designing and implementing an impact evaluation of NEPAD e-Africa Programme's e-school initiative. Deadline for applications: 2359 hrs GMT, October 15, 2012. [Read more](#)

Willingness to pay for cleaner water in developing countries

Why is it that every 15 seconds a child dies from waterborne diseases when inexpensive water treatment technologies are available? A 3ie [systematic review](#) analyses the issue of willingness to pay for cleaner water in developing countries. The latest issue of Evidence Matters, a briefing series produced by 3ie in collaboration with the Institute of Development Studies Knowledge Services, draws out relevant policy implications from the study. [Read more](#)

3ie case studies on policy influence of impact evaluations

A series documenting case studies of impact evaluations influencing policy has been launched. The first two, highlight cash transfer programmes from Brazil and Argentina. [Validating one of the world's largest conditional cash transfer programmes](#), looks at the Bolsa Familia programme in Brazil. [From impact evaluations to paradigm shift](#) is a case study of the Buenos Aires Ciudadanía Porteña programme. [Read more](#)

3ie study on Policy Briefs

3ie and the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), in collaboration with Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) undertook a study to measure the impact of a policy brief. The outcomes have implications for how communication experts design policy briefs and how we evaluate research communication. [Read more](#)

Jobs at 3ie

3ie is seeking applications for the post of Evaluation Officer and Evaluation Officer, Agricultural Development. 3ie's London office is looking for a Research Assistant. [Read more](#)

7. News from PEP

The Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP) is happy to announce the launching of its new call for research proposals, in the context of a multi-country initiative co-funded by the Department for International Development (DFID) of the United Kingdom (or UK aid) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada. The program is entitled "Policy Analysis on Growth and Employment" (PAGE).

In accordance to PEP's core mission, this initiative comprises an important "capacity building" component, and thus the selection of several teams of individual researchers, based in developing countries, to benefit from the unique and manifold "PEP support program", in the conduct of high quality research projects.

Note that priority is given, in part, to applicant teams and projects from low income countries (LICs), fragile and/or conflict states (see Nota Bene below).

For the analysis of specific and country-relevant policy issues

The research agenda of the selected projects will be defined under the broad theme of inclusive growth and employment, according to a list of priority issues:

- Providing social protection to the informal sector
- Youth employment and entrepreneurship
- Employment intensity of non-agricultural growth
- China's growth: opportunities and challenges for developing countries
- Entrepreneurial risk tolerance by gender
- Discrimination in credit access for women at the SME level

identified as especially relevant to address specific knowledge gaps and policy needs in terms of evidence base in developing countries

Beyond the geographic scope of its activities and reach, another peerless feature of PEP is the breadth of analytical perspectives, tools and techniques in which granted researchers receive training and support, to strengthen their scientific expertise and reputation.

Such methods include: macro-micro policy simulations, multidimensional poverty/distributive (micro) analysis, community-based monitoring systems, experimental and non-experimental impact evaluations, etc.

The first (2012) round of the PAGE initiative will fund up to 25 projects,

including at least:

- 5 projects using randomized controlled trials (RCTs)
- 10 projects in LICs, fragile and/or conflict states (see list)
- 6 projects using community-based monitoring systems (CBMS)

For detailed information regarding the PAGE initiative and call for proposals, e.g. value of research grants, PEP support program and research methodologies, as well as application restrictions, requirements or procedures, please follow this link to the PEP website: <http://www.pep-net.org/funding/call-for-proposals/>

The deadline for submission of proposals is 5 November 2012

8. New call: 'The Brazilian Development Model for Africa: Evidence and Lessons Description'

DFID is seeking a service provider or group of organisations to carry out a programme of research on the Brazilian model of development. The aim is to better understand the factors underpinning its success and to identify lessons for Africa against four thematic areas (agriculture, institutions, social programmes, and economic spheres). The overall objective of the research programme is to address the gap in knowledge on transferability of Brazil's economic development, in an innovative manner. It is envisaged that the work will take place in two phases over up to three years. The first year (phase 1) will require the delivery of 15 research papers and a detailed work plan for phase 2. Under both phases the research should have a strong practical focus on what has and has not worked and where, why and how, and on the transferability of those results for DFID's African focus countries. The research is expected to be of international level quality (e.g. through publication in leading academic journals) and have impact (e.g. through influencing African policy debates on transferring relevant lessons from Brazil). This project is the first of three initiatives by DFID to research lessons for Low Income Countries (LICs) from successful emerging powers.

Response Required by 22 October 2012 at 14:00

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9. IPCC Scholarships for young researchers from developing countries

IPCC announces call for applications for second round of awards under the IPCC Scholarship Programme

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has opened a call for applications for the second round of awards under the IPCC Scholarship Programme.

The IPCC Scholarship Programme aims to build capacity in the understanding and management of climate change in developing countries by providing opportunities for young scientists from developing countries to undertake studies that would not be possible without funding under the programme.

Applicants must be post-graduate students under the age of 30 studying at PhD level. They must have already been accepted at a recognized educational institution to start studies in 2013, or be currently enrolled on continuing PhD courses. Research proposals should focus on one of the following fields of study:

- Socio-economic modelling related to climate change
- Underlying science of climate change
- Climate change and water

Applicants must be nationals of developing countries and priority will be given to students from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

With a value of up to USD 20,000 per year, each award will be given for a period of one year and is renewable once, subject to satisfactory progress during the period of study and term reports signed by the research supervisor.

Applications will undergo a two-level selection process. IPCC scientific experts will first assess the applications in an initial review and the IPCC Science Board will then review the applications and make a final selection. The candidates selected for an award will be notified individually during the second quarter of 2013.

The IPCC Scholarship Programme was established with the funds received from the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. The IPCC Scholarship Programme benefits from the support of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.

Students interested in applying for an IPCC scholarship can download application forms at:

http://www.ipcc.ch/ipcc-scholarship-programme/ipcc_scholarshipprogramme.shtml

Completed application forms and supporting documents should be uploaded by 30 September

2012 at: <https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/scholarship/applicant/>

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The IPCC Science Board comprises the Chair of the IPCC, Rajendra Pachauri, and the three IPCC Vice-Chairs: Ismail Elgizouli, Hoesung Lee and Jean-Pascal van Ypersele,

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