

PEGNet Newsletter

Before this years' PEGNet conference in The Hague, we decided to establish a newsletter in order to stay more in touch with PEGNet members, partners and former workshop or conference participants. The PEGNet Newsletter will not be sent out on a regular basis, but depending on new developments or events within PEGNet and from our partners and members.

We are happy to include news from your side, if they are related to poverty reduction, equity and growth and in particular to the interaction between policy, practice and research in development. Please send the news you want to be distributed to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de. This could include calls for papers, reports of conferences or workshops, published papers or books, grants, new projects, programmes, or related initiatives.

If you want to be taken off the Newsletter mailing list, please send us an Email to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de.

I hope you enjoy our first newsletter.



Linda Ramcke

Topics in this Volume

1. Review: PEGNet Conference 2009 in The Hague

This year's PEGNet Conference took place at the Institute of Social Studies in Den Haag on September 3 and 4. As in the past, in addition to academic discussions, the interaction between research, development cooperation and politics was at the centre of the conference. For instance, there was a discussion about the pros and cons of anticyclical fiscal policy in developing countries during the economic crisis. [> more](#)

2. Announcement: PEGNet Conference 2010 at the DBSA in South Africa

PEGNet 2010 conference will be held in September 2010 at the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) in Midrand, South Africa, which is located close to Johannesburg. [> more](#)

3. PEGNet Workshop in Zambia

With financial support from PEGNet, a workshop on HIV/AIDS and socio-economic development will take place in early February 2010 in Lusaka, Zambia [> more](#)

4. Second Global Economic Symposium: Solutions Synthesis for Poverty Session

The Global Economic Symposium takes place once a year. It aims to provide a new collaborative setting to analyze the world's most important economic problems, create shared visions of the future and formulate innovative strategies to achieve these visions. [> more](#)

5. New project: Unlocking potential: Tackling economic, institutional and social constraints of informal entrepreneurship in Sub-Saharan Africa

The project was prepared with financial contribution from PEGNet. It starts in November 2009 and runs for 24 months. [> more](#)

6. PHD position at the Kiel Institute, Research Area "Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Development"

Applications are accepted until October 30, 2009. The start date is January, 2010. [> more](#)

7. Call for proposals from 3ie and call for papers IZA conference

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1. Review: PEGNet Conference 2009 in The Hague

At this year's PEGNet conference, researchers and practitioners discussed policies for reducing inequality in the developing world. In addition to parallel sessions on various themes, the conference featured two keynote speeches, a roundtable on enabling growth and promoting equity, a debate on fiscal stimulus to confront the financial crises, and a Q&A session with the Dutch Development Cooperation Minister. For the first time, a best-practice award was granted for outstanding cooperation between research and development practice.

Conference Reports:

This conference was 'refreshing', excellent idea to invite policy makers. This is not normally done in academic conferences, which deal at times with very abstract issues – fully separated from what happens in the real world in the field of poverty, inequality and growth. (Giovanni Andrea Cornia)

[ODI Blog started by Kate Bird](#)

[Video of the Welcome address](#)

[Video of the Keynote by Francisco Ferreira](#)

[Video of the Q&A session](#) with the Dutch Development Cooperation Minister Bert Koenders

[Video of the Roundtable](#) on enabling growth and promoting equity

[Video of the debate](#) on confronting the crisis in poor countries

[Video on the Keynote by Guillermo Cruces](#)

[Photos of the Conference](#)

[Conference program and papers.](#)



Best-practice award

The first PEGNet Best Practice Award for effective cooperation between research and practice was granted to the project submitted by:

Veronica Amarante and Andrea Vigorito from the University of Uruguay and her colleagues at the Ministry of Social Development in Uruguay. [Award Homepage](#)



Organisers

The conference is organised by the Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), and the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) on behalf of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



2. Announcement: PEGNet Conference 2010 at the DBSA in South Africa

PEGNet 2010 conference will be held at the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) in Midrand, South Africa, which is located close to Johannesburg. The DBSA is one of several development finance institutions in South and Southern Africa. Its purpose is to accelerate sustainable socio-economic development by funding physical, social and economic infrastructure. DBSA's goal is to improve the quality of life of the people of the region. The Bank plays a multiple role of Financier, Advisor, Partner, Implementer and Integrator to mobilise finance and expertise for development projects.



Entrance to DBSA Vulindlela Academy

The word "Vulindlela" is an Nguni word that means "pave the way".

3. PEGNet Workshop in Zambia

This focused workshop on the role of AIDS in African development, particularly in Zambia, will bring together a small group of academics, representatives from the donor community and local policymakers. The workshop has two main objectives. It aims (i) to offer an opportunity for (Zambian) policymakers and development practitioners to take stock of the latest empirical research on the socio-economic consequences of HIV/AIDS and (ii) to provide a platform for lively exchange between policymakers and researchers to foster the effectiveness of AIDS-related policies for Zambia's overall development.

The program of the workshop will soon be available on the PEGNet website.

4. Second Global Economic Symposium: Solutions Synthesis for Poverty Session

The Global Economic Symposium takes place once a year. It aims to provide a new collaborative setting to analyze the world's most important economic problems, create shared visions of the future and formulate innovative strategies to achieve these visions. The GES thereby seeks to be a catalyst for future change. The Global Economic Symposium (GES), held from September 10th to 11th 2009 in the Fielmann Akademie Plön Castle in Schleswig-Holstein, generated both innovative and implementable solutions to pressing global problems.

Solutions Synthesis for Poverty Session see attached pdf

Find more information about the Global Economic Symposium at:

<http://www.global-economic-symposium.org/>.

5. New project: Unlocking potential: Tackling economic, institutional and social constraints of informal entrepreneurship in Sub-Saharan Africa

Prepared with financial contribution from PEGNet, the joint proposal for the Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) "Labor Markets, Job Creation, and Economic Growth, Scaling up Research, Capacity Building, and Action on the Ground" on the topic:

Unlocking potential: Tackling economic, institutional and social constraints of informal entrepreneurship in Sub-Saharan Africa

submitted by the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Hague, The Netherlands, Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique sub-saharienne (AFRISTAT) and its Centre de Recherche Appliquée (CERA), Bamako, Mali, the Institute for the World Economy (IfW), Kiel, Germany, and Développement Institutions & Analyses de Long Terme (DIAL), Paris, France

was accepted for funding in August 2009. The project starts in November 2009 and runs for 24 months.

Find more information here: <http://www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de/activities/research/unlocking-potential-tackling-economic-institutional-and-social-constraints-of-informal-entrepreneurship-in-sub-saharan-africa>.

6. PHD position at the Kiel Institute, Research Area "Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Development"

The Kiel Institute for the World Economy (www.ifw-kiel.de) is seeking applicants for a Research Economist position in its research area "Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Development". The selected candidate will contribute to a research project on the impact of remittances on inequality and development over time in rural Mexico financed by the German Science Foundation (DFG).

Applicants should have a good knowledge of econometrics and international economics. Experience with household data, microeconomic methods, and related software such as STATA is desirable. Applicants must be fluent in English. A working knowledge of Spanish would be an asset. While knowledge of German is not required for this position, some German language skills will be useful in order to fit more easily into the work environment at the Kiel Institute. Applicants should have completed a Master's Degree in Economics or Agricultural Economics with a grade of "good" or better. They will have the option to join the PhD program at the Christian Albrechts University at Kiel.

As an internationally renowned, policy-oriented research institute, the Kiel Institute provides excellent opportunities for professional development in research, teaching, and policy consultancy.

This position is part-time (50%), initially for 2 years, but may be extended. Starting pay is at the German pay grade EG 13 TV-L. The Kiel Institute is an equal opportunity employer. The start date is January 1, 2010.

For more information, please contact Dr. Aslihan Arslan (aslihan.arslan@ifw-kiel.de; +49-431-8814-499).

Please submit applications by October 30, 2009, preferably by e-mail (bewerbungen_pred@ifw-kiel.de), including CV, transcripts, and contact details of up to 3 referees.

7. Call for proposals from 3ie and call for papers IZA conference

Request for Proposals

www.3ieimpact.org

Deadline: 27 November 2009



3ie will award up to \$10 million in research grants to improve development effectiveness

Open Window Round 2 - Deadline: 27 November 2009

To enhance development effectiveness and ultimately improve people's lives in developing countries, the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) has launched a request for proposals (RFP) for quality impact evaluations. This RFP is the second round under 3ie's Open Window, which accepts proposals for the impact evaluation of social and economic development interventions in low and middle income countries in any sector. 3ie will award up to US\$10 million in grants under this round.

Preference will be given to proposals which:

- **evaluate large scale programs that affect many lives,**
- **are done in partnership with an agency implementing the development intervention to be evaluated, and**
- **involve developing country researchers and/or evaluators in the investigation.**

Examples of studies funded under the first Open Window include:

- the use of mobile phones to help monitor patients' compliance to Tuberculosis treatment in Karachi;
- the distribution of cooking oil to compensate for dowry to delay adolescent marriage in remote parts of Bangladesh;
- early childhood development centres in Mozambique;
- a community driven development pilot in post-conflict Sierra Leone; and
- upgrading of slum-houses in Peru.

Download:

- [Request For Proposals](#)
- [3ie's Principles of Impact Evaluation](#)
- [3ie Impact Evaluation Practice](#)
- [Instructions for Proposals](#)

Read more on detailed guidelines and how to apply at: www.3ieimpact.org/openwindow
Any queries regarding this RFP should be sent to: Arun Virk, Programme Officer at proposals@3ieimpact.org

Call for Papers -- Special issue of LABOUR ECONOMICS on "Labour economics and labour markets in developing countries"

Submission deadline: November 15, 2009

Lead articles will be provided by Gary Fields (Cornell) and Francis Teal (Oxford)

Call for Papers - 5th IZA/World Bank Conference: Employment and Development, Cape Town, South Africa, May 3/4, 2010, Submission Deadline: November 15, 2009

For more information see

http://www.iza.org/conference_files/worldb2010/call_for_papers

(The call for papers for the special issue is on the bottom of this page.)

Find more news on www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de/

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