

## PEGNet NEWSLETTER VOLUME 21

We would like to wish you a happy new year and welcome you to the first PEGNet newsletter of 2015. In this newsletter we are pleased to announce the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary PEGNet Conference in Mid-September in Berlin and as usual, there is lots of news 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. Announcement: 10 Years of PEGNet

“10 Years of Connecting Development Research and Practice” – Founded in 2005 as a joint initiative of a handful of German development economists as well as another handful of practitioners from the German Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) and its implementing agencies PEGNet has expanded rapidly over the last ten years, both in numbers and spatially, establishing itself as one of the top development networks of researchers and practitioners working on the poverty-equity-growth nexus. With over 1000 subscribers, we have gone far beyond our original goal of bridging the gap between researchers and practitioners in Germany and have made



remarkable strides in connecting researchers and practitioners across the globe. This is evidenced by the positive evaluations received after our annual conferences that have been held in Berlin, Accra, The Hague, Midrand, Hamburg, Dakar, Copenhagen and Lusaka in the last years. Within the development community, our yearly conferences have gained a reputation for providing a unique platform that enables students, researchers and

practitioners from diverse backgrounds to actively engage in dialogue on issues surrounding poverty, inequality and growth.

As we celebrate our tenth anniversary, we will reflect on the key lessons learned in the past decade by hosting a series of workshops, and panel discussions. We look forward to celebrating with you. More information on the anniversary events will be posted on our website.

## 2. Announcement: PEGNet Conference 2015 in Berlin

We are proud to announce the 10<sup>th</sup> PEGNet Conference on “Structural and Industrial Policy as a Tool of Inclusive and Economic Development”. Our anniversary conference will be held in Mid-September in Berlin. Please visit our homepage in Mid-February for the call for papers and Best Practice Award Submissions. We look forward to seeing you in Berlin, the perfect city to bring together researchers and practitioners.



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### 3. PEGNet on twitter

We are now also represented on twitter. If you are interested in development issues, don't hesitate to follow us @PEGNet\_ [>>More information](#)



### 4. AEL: Call for Papers

The Annual International Conference of the German Economic Association Research Group on Development Economics will be hosted by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) on 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in Kiel. The annual conference brings together international scholars and researchers of development economics and neighboring fields. Plenary sessions with keynote speakers, and parallel sessions with contributed papers and posters will reflect the current state of research in development economics and provide a forum for exchange for researchers and practitioners. Interested contributors are invited to fill a submission form on [www.ael.ethz.ch](http://www.ael.ethz.ch) and email the anonymized paper to [ael@pw.uzh.ch](mailto:ael@pw.uzh.ch) (subject line 'AEL 2015'). The deadline for submissions is **15<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. [>>More information](#)



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### 5. HDCA: Call for Papers

The annual conference of the Human Development and Capability Association (HDCA) brings together people from all over the world from different disciplines and fields interested in human development and the capabilities approach. The conference will take place at Georgetown University in Washington, DC on 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and the theme of the conference is "Capabilities on the Move: Mobility and Aspirations." In addition to papers on the conference theme, papers on all core HDCA topics are welcome. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **15<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. [>>More information](#)



### 6. EADI: Call for Papers

The European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) working group on multi-dimensional poverty has issued a call on "Rethinking Development Research: The post-2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals". The workshop will take place on June 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the University of East London, United Kingdom. The workshop encouraging researchers to reflect on how their own work can contribute to: (a) a better understanding of which goals to include in the post-2015 development agenda; (b) a



better explanation on how one or more of the SDGs can be more effectively achieved; and (c) a critical exploration of what roles different development actors can play in achieving one or more of these goals. The deadline for submission of abstracts is **16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**. [>>More information](#)

### 7. CAU: Call for PhD Applications

Funded by the Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst the University of Kiel offers 20 fully funded PhD Fellowships for the graduate program “A Third Way of Feeding The World”. The program is a joint undertaking of the Faculty of Agricultural and Nutritional Science and the Philosophical Faculty at the University of Kiel. The objective of the graduate program is to train doctoral students so that they can work at the frontier of theory-guided, evidence-based research topics related to the trade-off between sustainable agriculture and the environment. At a methodological level the graduate program focuses on an integrated interdisciplinary methodological approach, and it allows for substantive applications from different fields in agricultural science, economics, political science and philosophy, while closely cooperating with international research institutions (e.g. IFPRI), non-profit organizations, and leading scholars worldwide, both in training and research



supervision. The deadline for application is **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**. [>>More information](#)

### 8. News from 3ie

The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) has announced vacancies for expert advisors to evaluate the impact of programmes introduced by the Government of Colombia programmes. The deadline for application is **16<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. [>>More information](#)



3ie has also announced vacancies for an Evaluation Specialist under their Humanitarian Assistance Window to serve in their office in New Delhi. Applicants must have a graduate degree (preferably PhD) in economics, public health, agronomy, nutrition, or other relevant fields in international development. They must have prior research experience in experimental and quasi-experimental methods of impact evaluation. [>>More Information](#)

Further, 3ie has announced vacancies for an impact evaluation intern in Washington, DC. The Intern will serve as a research assistant to the Impact Evaluation Services (IES) technical staff in 3ie's Washington, DC office. Applicants should be pursuing or should have completed their graduate studies in economics, political science, or any other relevant

social science. He/she should have working knowledge of experimental and quasi-experimental methods of rigorous impact evaluations and prior experience in conducting econometric analysis, particularly using STATA statistical software. [>>More information](#)

3ie invites submission of qualifications to be considered for a proposal preparation grant for the impact evaluation of a programme promoting girls' education implemented by the Government of Benin. The deadline for application is **13<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. [>>More information](#)



Further, 3ie requests research organisations or consortia to submit qualifications for a proposal preparation grant to evaluate teacher performance incentives interventions implemented by the Shaanxi Province Department of Education, China. The deadline for application is **16<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. [>>More information](#)

3ie is also providing 10 bursaries for RIPA International's Impact Evaluation and Assessment training programme. It will be held in London on 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in New Delhi. The programme is primarily targeted at policymakers and practitioners. To be eligible for a bursary award, applicants must be senior civil servants, public

service providers, or NGO employees residing and working in a low- or middle-income countries, and should be actively engaged in the field of impact evaluation. The deadline for application is **9<sup>th</sup> February 2015**. [>>More information](#)

3ie invites implementing agencies and researchers to participate in a consultative workshop on evaluations of innovative community engagement approaches to improve immunisation in countries with low and stagnating coverage. The workshop aims to bring implementers and researchers together for a possible partnership to submit an evaluation proposal for a grant. The deadline for application is **23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**. [>>More information](#)

3ie and the Department of Public Policy and Administration of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in Cairo (AUC) will be hosting a three-day workshop on systematic reviews. The workshop will be held 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February 2015 at AUC. [>>More information](#)

**9. News from ODI**



Cartagena  
Data Festival

The Overseas Development Institute (ODI) invites participants to the

Cartagena Data Festival on 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 in Cartagena, Columbia. To

eradicate poverty and spread prosperity, a 'data revolution' is needed— a fundamental change in how we produce and analyse data and in our collective ability to use data to bring about change. This three day event in Cartagena, Colombia, will gather together policy makers, civil society organisations, technical innovators, academics and data activists to discuss and debate the questions posed by the data revolution. [>>More information](#)

Further, the ODI invites participants to the Financing the Future Event on 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March in Accra, Ghana. International public finance will play a crucial role in putting the Sustainable Development Goals into practice post-2015. But given its changing nature, and the proliferation of new sources and mechanisms of development finance, how can it meet the challenges of our new era? Join ODI and partners at a two day conference in Accra to debate and explore how international public finance can best contribute to accelerating progress in development from 2015. [>>More information](#)



**10. News from DEGRP**

The DFID-ESRC Growth Research Programme (DEGRP) has just published a 'Reflection'



on water irrigation management in Tanzania. [>>More information](#)

**11. News from PEP**

On behalf of BBC Media Action, 3ie seeks At the onset of 2015, the PEP team sends its warmest greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all its friends, colleagues and followers. They also take the opportunity to thank you for your continued interest and participation in the fulfillment of the PEP mission! 2014 was, in particular, a year of major advances for PEP, especially in terms of institutional development. [>>More information](#)



**12. New PEGNet Member : International Security and Development Center (ISDC)**

PEGNet welcomes the International Security and Development Center (ISDC) as a new member of its network. ISDC is a Berlin-based think tank providing evidence-based analysis and policy advice on the interactions between security, conflict, violence and fragility with socio-economic development, growth, employment and poverty alleviation.



ISDC brings together experts in economics, political science, peace research and development studies. ISDC is international, independent and non-

partisan. It is based in Berlin and collaborates with a broad range of partners in academia, policy making and

practice. ISDC is directed by Professor Tilman Brück. [>>More information](#)

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