

PEGNet NEWSLETTER VOLUME 22

Welcome to our newsletter. As our preparations for our 10th anniversary conference advance, we would like to inform you about the new developments that have occurred at PEGNet 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: PEGNet bids farewell to Linda Kleemann

After 6 years as PEGNet Managing Director, Linda Kleemann will be leaving the network to pursue a new opportunity in development consultancy. Linda joined PEGNet in January 2009 and quickly developed herself into an invaluable member of the PEGNet Team. Linda coordinated the 2009 to 2013 PEGNet conferences, organized workshops on various themes and managed the network's daily activities which resulted in the subscriptions to the network reaching over a thousand.



Furthermore, Linda undertook many innovative activities such as the preparation of surveys on the demand for research among development practitioners and as a follow up, a survey on the demand for policy advice from researchers. During her time at PEGNet she also completed her doctoral studies at

the University of Kiel where she analysed the organic certification, sustainable farming and return on Investment of pineapples using empirical evidence from Ghana.

Linda will continue to actively contribute to PEGNet in her new role as external consultant and advisory board member.

2. Announcement: Call for Best Practice Award submissions

This year, PEGNet will grant its Best Practice Award for the seventh time to an initiative that has demonstrated best practices in cooperation between researchers and practitioners in development cooperation. The idea of the Best Practice Award was born out of two observations: On the one hand, the policy impact of research is often weak. On the other hand, modern research tools seldom make their way into policy design indicating a lack of shared knowledge. If there is a project which fits the requested criteria and is a good example of how you can close the gap between researches and practitioners, we would



like to consider you for this prize. The winning project will be awarded the prize of 3000 €. The deadline for the submission of project abstracts is **29th May 2015**. You can find more information about the Best Practice Award [here](#).

3. Announcement: PEGNet on social media

PEGNet is now active on social media! We will update our twitter and facebook accounts frequently to keep you updated on job openings, calls for conferences as well as events organized by PEGNet and our partner members. If you are interested in development issues do not hesitate to follow us [@PEGNet](#) or on .



4. News from the University of Passau

The University of Passau has issued a call for papers for a symposium on “*Institutions and Sustainable Development through an Interdisciplinary Lens*”. The symposium is intended to mark the start of the new Master Program in Development Studies. Prof. Wendy Harcourt (Erasmus University Rotterdam), Christoph Kannengießer (CEO, the German-African Business Association) and Prof. Jean-Philippe Platteau (Université de Namur and University of Oxford) are the keynote speakers that scheduled to attend



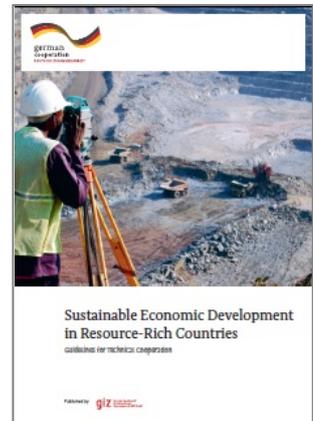
the symposium. The symposium will take place on **30th October 2015** at the University of Passau, Germany. Papers which deal in a broader sense with institutions and sustainable development as well as interdisciplinary work are welcome. Interested contributors are invited to send their full paper or extended abstract to DevEcon@uni-passau.de.

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Furthermore, the University invites applications for its new Master Program in Development Studies. The deadline for conference submissions as well as applications for the Master Program is **30th June 2015**. [>> More information](#)

5. News from GIZ

GIZ’s Sector Project ‘*Sustainable Economic Development*’ has published a new study on “*Sustainable Economic Development in Resource-Rich Countries – Guidelines for Technical Cooperation*”. The guidelines present tried-and-tested approaches of Technical Cooperation that can support cooperation countries in addressing the economic potentials and challenges of resource abundance. The document serves as a tool for TC practitioners with regard to the appraisal, commissioning,



management and evaluation of TC projects in the context of extractive resources. [>> More information](#)

Furthermore, GIZ has announced a vacancy for an Advisor on Regional Economic Integration in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The GIZ program aims to enhance regional economic integration in the SADC region. The main objective of the program is to strengthen and support national and regional actors. As an Advisor you will focus on the support of the development and implementation of regional policies and protocols. Applicants should have completed their graduate studies in economics, political science, or any other relevant social science. They should have a working knowledge of regional integration programs in developing and supporting regional policies and protocols.

The logo for GIZ, consisting of the lowercase letters 'giz' in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

Furthermore, they should be culturally sensitive people with excellent communication skills and an ability to broker/mediate in politically sensitive environment. Finally, they should be team players, have a working knowledge of GIZ processes and procedures and excellent skills in English. The deadline for applications is the **6th May 2015**. [>> More information](#)

The Green Growth Knowledge Platform, supported by German Development Cooperation through GIZ, will host the first of a series of webinars on the topic of “*Trade and Green Growth: Measuring the impact of environmental policy on economic competitiveness*” on **7th May 2015**. The one hour webinar serves to stimulate thinking around key knowledge gaps around this topic, including how to drive forward wider research efforts to address them. [>>More information](#)

Moreover, BMZ and GIZ invite interested participants to attend the event ‘*The role of international financial institutions in the post-2015 agenda*’ on **19th May 2015** in Berlin, Germany. Based on the findings of the new GIZ/ODI-publication “*The role of the World Bank Group in the post-2015 agenda*”, development professionals, policy makers, civil society organisations, and academics will discuss to which extent international financial institutions are well-positioned to implement the SDGs, end poverty and promote shared prosperity in a sustainable way. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pierre.Golbach@giz.de.

Finally, the GIZ Sector Project “*Development-Oriented Trade and Policy*” will be hosting a three-day seminar on the **1st – 3rd June 2015** in Hamburg. The training will focus on policies, conditions and mechanism that can support countries to improve trade performance, connect to

regional and global value chains and contribute to broad-based and sustainable development. The flyer for this event is available [here](#). The deadline for registrations is the **4th May 2015**. [>> More information](#)

6. News from DIE

The German Development Institute (DIE), and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) together with the International Center for Sustainable Development (IZNE) at the Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences welcomed about 55 international participants to join the international workshop on *“Measuring the social, economic and political effects of social protection: How to overcome the challenges?”* held on **15th -17th April 2015** at the DIE premises in Bonn, Germany.

It provided a platform for exchange and mutual learning among academics, policy-makers, and experts from public entities to discuss the challenges of measuring effects of social protection, and learn the various approaches to tackle them. Participants came from 17 countries in South- and South East Asia, Latin America and Europe; among them representatives from Ministries such as Indonesia, Vietnam, Chile, Mexico, Peru, as well



representatives from international organisations such as the CEPAL, ILO, OECD, the World Bank, and others. The workshop was organised by the GIZ program Global Alliances for Social Protection on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), in close cooperation with Prof. Dr. Katja Bender (IZNE) and Dr. Markus Loewe (DIE). [>> More information](#)

7. News from the IGC

The International Growth Center (IGC) invites researchers to submit proposals for high-calibre research projects relevant to growth policies in developing countries. The call encompasses its two central programs: Research and Country Programs.



The Research Program is primarily focused on the production of cutting-edge and policy-relevant academic research on economic growth, whereas the Country Program commissions top-quality research on economic growth to address the specific policy needs of the IGC’s partner countries. The deadline for the submission of proposals is the **21st June 2015**.

[>> More information](#)

8. News from 3ie

3ie is offering two bursaries for candidates who are nationals of (and residing in) low-

and middle-income countries to attend the Action Research for Co-development summer school on impact evaluation methodologies **17th – 19th June 2015** in Florence, Italy. Deadline for applications is the **20th May 2015**. [>> More information](#)

For the section Systematic Reviews Call 8 3ie invites proposals for systematic reviews that explore the impact of development interventions in the areas of sanitation and hygiene, humanitarian assistance and climate change. Deadline for applications is the **22nd May 2015**. [>> More information](#)

Furthermore, 3ie invites submission of qualifications



**International Initiative
for Impact Evaluation**

for a proposal preparation grant for the impact evaluation of PAYapa at MAsaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA), the Government of Philippines' convergence framework and program for peacebuilding and development in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas. It is a part of Policy Window 3, the peacebuilding program for the Philippines. Deadline for applications is the **29th May 2015**. [>> More information](#)

For 3ie's first replication funding window with a specific thematic focus on internal replications of impact evaluations of HIV prevention interventions, 3ie invites expressions of interest from researchers. The main goal is to conduct internal

replications of influential, innovative or controversial impact evaluations of biomedical, behavioural, social and structural determinants of HIV prevention interventions. Applications are being reviewed on a rolling basis. Deadline for applications is the **31st May 2015**. [>> More information](#)

Finally, 3ie announces a funding opportunity in the Thematic Window 10 section for a program titled "*Breaking through stagnation: testing innovations in engaging communities in increasing immunisation coverage*". 3ie invites proposals for evaluation of programs that have adopted innovative approaches to community engagement for increasing immunisation coverage in Gavi-eligible countries. Deadline for applications is the **10th July 2015**. [>> More information](#)

9. News from DEval

The German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval) has announced two vacancies for Heads of Departments. The main tasks of the Heads of Department would be to design the scope of duties, ensure that project steps are met according to the agreed schedule, evaluating the final results and supporting the institute's strategic position. Applicants should have completed their PhD in economics, social science, or any other relevant science. They should have a working knowledge of evaluation methods and qualitative and quantitative

methodological approaches of social science as well as good analytical skills. Furthermore, they should have working knowledge of evaluation processes and procedures in contract law and public procurement law. The deadline for applications is the **10th May 2015**. [>> More information](#) (in German only)

DEval has also announced a vacancy for a Junior-Evaluator in the Evaluation Department II and for a Junior-Method Specialist in the Competence Center for



Evaluation Methodology. Applicants would

contribute to the analysis and further development of evaluation approaches and methods. Applicants are expected to completed their graduate studies or PhD in economics, political science, or any other relevant social science. They should have work experience and working knowledge of evaluation methods, statistics and qualitative and quantitative methodological approaches. They should be knowledgeable about German and international development cooperations. Furthermore, they should have excellent knowledge in English and another language. The deadline for applications is the **3rd May 2015**. [>> More information](#) (in German only)

Lastly, the Aid for Trade (AfT) initiative aims to assist developing countries to benefit from the opportunities arising from trade liberalisation. The recently published DEval study “*Aid for Trade, Policies and Strategies in German Development Cooperation*” evaluates the German approach to AfT by analysing policy papers, project documents and quantitative data. Further, an overview of trade-related projects is provided in order to assess whether AfT has been adequately mainstreamed.

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10. News from ODI

The DFID-ESRC Growth Research Program (DEGRP) has now launched a call for research on financial sector development and growth. DFID and ESRC are pleased to invite proposals to establish a single program that will produce excellent research on financial sector development and growth in Low Income Countries (LICs). The funding aims to create a core of research excellence, strengthen evidence-based policymaking and build research capacity. The call will close in early July. The deadline for applications is the **2nd July 2015**. [>> More information](#)



Furthermore, DEGRP will hold an open event on **Thursday 20th May 2015** for any prospective applicants to learn more about

the program, the research call and to network with others in the field. [>> More information](#)

11. News from UNU-WIDER

UNU-WIDER invites research proposals from qualified researchers working on, or interested in exploring political economy considerations of social protection systems



in developing countries. The deadline for

applications is the **15th May 2015**.

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Furthermore, in partnership with UNU-WIDER, the University of the Witwatersrand and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Southern Africa Trade Hub, Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS) will be hosting its Annual Forum with the theme of Regional Industrialization and Regional Integration. TIOS has issued a call for papers for the poster session at its Annual Forum. The deadline for submissions is the **10th May 2015**.

[>> More information](#)

12. News from J-PAL Europe

J-PAL Europe, the European office of J-PAL (the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab) and the TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research are jointly holding a conference on "*Field Experiments in Labor Economics and Social Policies*". The Conference will be held in Paris on **11th - 12th September 2015**.

A special session will be devoted to feedback on student experimental **ABDUL LATIF JAMEEL Poverty Action Lab** projects. Students **J-PAL EUROPE** who wish to present their projects in this session are invited to send a three-page presentation of their project to europa_conference@povertyactionlab.org (in the subject line write: Project_Lastname_Firstname) before the **15th May 2015**. [>> More information](#)

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