

PEGNet Newsletter Volume 9

In this newsletter we are proud to announce the call for papers for the annual PEGNet conference 2012! The conference will be held in Dakar on September 6-7 this year. Apart from the usual academic papers, we are also calling for proposals for the PEGNet Best Practice Award for effective cooperation between research and practice. You can have a look at the new PEGNet image film on our website to see how PEGNet conferences are like.

We are also reporting from other PEGNet activities below, and as always there is lots of news from our members. I hope you will enjoy our newsletter. This and past editions are also available online at: www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de.



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Conference format

The conference will provide a platform for high-level dialogue 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. These sessions will be complemented by a debate, a round-table discussion, and keynote speeches by renowned speakers from academia, economic policy and development practice. Confirmed speakers include Augustin K. Fosu (WIDER) for the main keynote and Hosaena Ghebru Hagos (IFPRI) for the young professional keynote. In addition, the PEGNet Best Practice Award will be awarded for the fourth 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, i.e. the nexus between poverty, equity, and growth.

Conference theme

There seems to be dynamism and drive in Africa. The continent's average growth is almost

five times the Euro zone average growth and some of the world's fastest growing economies are in Sub Saharan Africa. Some observers believe that Africa will play an increasingly important role in the global economy while others raise critical questions on how sustainable the current development is. Yet, the sources of Africa's increased economic momentum and likely staying power are not well understood. Is the acceleration in growth a sign of hard-earned progress or the result of a commodity boom? How will Africa's long-term growth reflect interrelated social and demographic changes, such as the rise of the African urban consumer? Will the lack of a strong manufacturing base hinder long-term growth prospects? How important is the private sector in achieving broad-based growth?

Taking an African perspective, the conference will discuss scientific results and practical experiences on a number of channels through which public policy, private economic activity, aid, and social and demographic developments have an impact on development.

Paper Submissions

Papers should be submitted by email to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de in a pdf or Word file, indicating 'PEGNet Conference 2012' in the subject heading. The selection will be made on the basis of papers or abstracts of not less than 400 words. Only abstracts and papers written in English language will be accepted. Priority will be given to empirical research with clear implications for policy design and implementation. Furthermore, we encourage practitioners to present case studies and/or share their experiences from the field.

Best Practice Award

We also ask for submissions of projects, programs, and initiatives for the PEGNet 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. The proposed projects do not necessarily have to be closely related to this year's conference theme, yet a geographical focus on Africa is advantageous.

Projects should be submitted by email to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de in a pdf or Word file, indicating 'PEGNet Conference 2012' in the subject heading.

For the Best Practice Award, a maximum of three projects will be selected by a committee on the basis of a three-page summary of the initiative's objectives, the type of interaction between research and practice as well as its results. The preselected projects will be asked

to submit one additional paper or report. At the conference, each nominated initiative will be presented and the winner of a prize of Euro 3000 will be selected by the committee.

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

Deadlines

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The submission deadline for papers and Best Practice projects is April 10, 2012. Notification of acceptance will be sent out in May 2012. The deadline for full papers and additional material for the Best Practice Award is July 15, 2012.

2. Reminder for the Call for papers: International Workshop on Large-Scale Agricultural Investments

The German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) invites submissions for an international conference on large-scale agricultural investments on 11 May 2012 in Hamburg, Germany. Large-scale agricultural investments and land deals have recently received considerable media coverage. Typically, these deals are perceived as “land grabs” of dubious legal import and of little use to the population in target countries. Notwithstanding these perceptions, surprisingly little is known on the nature and consequences of land deals: Neither on the scale of the phenomenon, nor on the underlying contractual arrangements, and even less on the consequences for the local population.

The academic and practical debate on large-scale land investments is just starting, as are several research projects on different aspects of these land deals. The workshop aims at bringing researchers and practitioners together, structure the debate, exchange ideas, shed light on various dimensions of the problem – in short, it aims at stimulating the discussion. It is organized by a research team at GIGA working in a joint research project on “Large-scale land acquisitions and sustainable development” with the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and the University of Greifswald and supported by PEGNet. The workshop will address the following dimensions of large-scale land deals:

- *Legal and political dimensions*: In which regulatory framework do large-scale land deals take place? Which are the actors in land deals and how do they behave? Does the process of “land grabbing” change power relations among different actors?
- *Socio-economic dimension*: What are the socio-economic consequences of large-scale land deals? How does the reality of large-scale land deals compare to the

contractual arrangements (e.g. compensation) and is there any empirical evidence on the effects on local populations?

- *Ecological and ethical dimensions:* Are ecological and ethical (e.g. human right to food) considerations taken into account? What about the environmental sustainability of new cultivation schemes?
- *Historical dimension:* A historical dimension would cut across the above issues: Are large-scale land deals a new phenomenon, or are there parallels to earlier similar phenomena (e.g. during or the post-colonial establishment of plantations)?
- *Conflict dimension:* Again a cross-cutting dimension: Land-use changes and related population dynamics can be a long-term cause of violent conflicts?

Other papers of relevance to large-scale agricultural investments are also welcome.

We are delighted that the keynote lecture will be delivered by Stein T. Holden from the Department of Economics and Resource Management at Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway. *Prof. Holden has published several leading articles on land markets, land registration, land rights, and land tenure.*

Please send an abstract (200 up to 1000 words) and a short CV as pdf files to land-issues@giga-hamburg.de and indicate "Workshop 2012" in the subject heading. The submission deadline is 30 January 2011. Notification of acceptance will be sent out by the beginning of March 2011. The deadline for full paper submission is 29 April 2012.

Submissions should be in English, which is also the conference language. The workshop will bring together about 50 researchers and practitioners. Participation in the workshop is free; however, travel and accommodation expenses cannot be covered.

[Call for Paper International Workshop on Large-Scale Agriculture Investments](#)

3. New Publication on the MDGs after 2015

[After 2015: contexts, politics and processes for a post-2015 global agreement on development.](#) In this Research Report, Claire Melamed focuses the need for consensus once the Millennium Development Goals expire in 2015. Discussions are already starting on what might replace them as a global agreement to promote development and poverty reduction. This paper sets out the context for those discussions, and some of the issues that will need to be addressed if a new agreement is to be both effective and politically acceptable. The political process may not get going in earnest until 2013. Until then, the development of thinking and options should be based on what has been learned from the MDGs, analysis of

the current problems an agreement would be aiming to solve, experience from other global agreements, and a realistic assessment of likely political interests and processes.

4. News from 3ie: Commitment to Evaluation index

To promote better use of evidence, 3ie is launching a Commitment to Evaluation index. The index will score donor agency and government use of evidence, identifying and rewarding progress and good practice. The index will be piloted next year for donor agencies, recognizing donors making systematic use of evidence, thus providing an incentive to others to do the same.

3ie's initiative follows the example of other successful attempts to use awards or indexes to focus the attention of policymakers. Indexes such as the UN Development Programme's Human Development index, Transparency International's Corruption Perception index, and the Centre for Global Development's new [Quality of ODA \(QuODA\)](#) index have raised awareness on key issues and influenced practice of governments and development agencies. In developing this measure, 3ie will draw from the lessons learned by similar initiatives on how best to award evaluation practices and build and run an effective index. We invite your inputs for designing the Commitment to Evaluation index. It will just take 3 minutes. [Click here to give your views on how commitment to evaluation can be measured and if it matters](#)

5. Job advertisement GIZ (Private sector development)

Current job advertisements:

Leiter (m/w) der Programmkomponente Ressourceneffizienz in der Privatwirtschaftsförderung	Ägypten, Kairo	Job ID 8900
Leiter (m/w) der Programmkomponente Qualitätsinfrastruktur	Äthiopien, Addis Abeba	Job ID 8667

Further job advertisements:

Privatwirtschaftsentwicklung	
Berater (m/w) im Sektorvorhaben Innovative Ansätze der Privatwirtschaftsförderung	Deutschland
Berater (m/w) Rahmenbedingungen für die Wirtschaft	Kasachstan
Leiter (m/w) des Programms für Rohstoffwirtschaft	Kirgistan

Wirtschaftspolitik	
Berater (m/w) Wirtschaftspolitik	Burkina Faso
Leiter (m/w) des Projekts Makroökonomische Beratung	Malawi
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The KfW Entwicklungsbank and the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) are jointly organizing the public symposium Employment and Development: What do we know and what can we do?

The Symposium will be held on March 15, 2012 at KfW Bank, Charlottenstraße 33/33a, 10117 Berlin. A keynote speech from Prof. Dani Rodrik (Harvard University) will be followed by a high-level panel discussion on current challenges and opportunities in the context of employment in developing and transition countries.

The symposium addresses interested participants from academia, development agencies, companies, governmental and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the general public. We look forward to your participation.

For further information and updates please visit the conference website. Registration for the public symposium will soon be made possible at the [website](#).

Please note that the public symposium will be complemented by an expert conference on the next day. The invitation will follow soon.

IZA is a private, independent research institute, which conducts nationally and internationally oriented labor market research and policy advice on related topics. It operates an international network of about 1,100 economists and researchers. Prof. Dr. Klaus Zimmermann heads the institute as Director.

On behalf of the German Federal Government, KfW Entwicklungsbank supports developing and transition countries with setting up and expanding their social and economic infrastructure, developing efficient financial systems, and protecting the climate, the environment and natural resources.

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New Research Report from ODI and Centre for Development Policy and Research: [Social Inclusiveness in Asia's Middle-Income Countries \(October 2011\)](#)

In this new Research Report, Pedro Martins (ODI) and Terry McKinley (CDPR) investigate social inclusiveness in Asia's middle-income countries and explore some of the challenges in moving the development policy agenda from an exclusive poverty focus to an 'inclusive growth' strategy. Over the past 20 years, Asia's rapid economic growth has contributed to a substantial increase in average per capita incomes and the emergence and expansion of a 'middle class'. Nonetheless, a host of important challenges remain. The benefits from economic growth have not been equitably distributed, exacerbating existing inequalities and possibly jeopardising social cohesion and political stability. Population growth, rapid urbanisation and climate change are also likely to contribute to economic, social and environmental tensions. A more socially inclusive growth pattern is required in order to simultaneously achieve fundamental economic and social development goals. An inclusive growth agenda will require a deliberate and direct focus on generating widespread productive

employment. 'Job-rich' growth is a fundamental precondition to reducing inequality and poverty. Macroeconomic and structural policies play an essential role in promoting an inclusive growth pattern, while social policies and social protection play a vital supportive role.

[Creating consensus](#). In this Discussion Paper, Claire Melamed explores how a consensus between current trends in thinking among some of the newly influential middle income countries, and the aid preoccupations of traditional donors, could form the basis of a new global agreement on development. In the end an agreement is a political deal between governments, and it is they, and their ideas and interests, that set the boundaries of what is possible to achieve. This time round, unlike in the 1990s when the current MDGs were developed, the emerging economies will be key to getting agreement on any post-2015 agreement. The paper starts with a summary of current challenges to the MDG framework before considering which trends in thinking among key emerging economies could form the basis of a new agreement to address these challenges and build on the gains of the MDGs.

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