



PEGNet Conference 2020: Call for Papers

Addressing Fragility and Conflict in Developing Countries

in cooperation with EPRC and GIZ

10-11 September, 2020

Conference Theme

Fragility and conflict are a significant challenge to development and constrain efforts to achieve poverty reduction and sustainable development. Conflicts have severely stunted economic growth in many low income countries and continue to be one of the leading causes of humanitarian crises.

The PEGNet conference 2020 aims to address the causes and consequences of fragility and conflict in developing countries. The conference will include plenary discussions that seek to provide research and policy based answers to the questions:

- What are the causes of fragility and conflict within and between countries?
- How can policy and financing options for the forced displacement crisis be developed and implemented?
- How can non-state actors such as the private sector be involved in developing innovative financing solutions for fragility, conflict, and violence?
- How can state fragility be reduced and what measures should be undertaken to ensure rapid responses to protracted and recurring crises?
- How can strong partnerships for sustainable development and peace be built with humanitarian, security, diplomatic, and development actors?

Conference format

The PEGNet Conference 2020 will provide a platform for development scholars, practitioners and policy-makers to reflect on leading research on conflict, fragility as well as other topics in development economics that are related to the poverty-inequality nexus. Papers submitted through the call for papers will be presented in the parallel sessions. For more information on the PEGNet conference, please refer to www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de.

Keynote Speakers

- Philip Verwimp (Université libre de Bruxelles)
- Amma Panin (World Bank)

Deadline for Abstract Submissions

The submission deadline for abstracts is **April 27, 2020**. Notification of acceptance will be sent out in **June 2020**. The deadline for full paper submission is **August 1, 2020**.

Guidelines and Selection procedures

We invite submissions of three-page abstracts that focus on **fragility, conflict and other policy-relevant topics in development economics**. Priority will be given to empirical research with clear implications for policy design and implementation. The submissions do not have to address the conference theme but can be on any topic in the field of development economics. Travel costs of up to \$1000 will be reimbursed for participants based in and traveling from low income countries that have been awarded a PEGNet grant.

Please email your three-page abstracts to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de in a pdf or Word file and indicate **“PEGNet Conference 2020”** in the subject heading.

Organisers

The conference will be co-organised by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), the Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC), and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and supported by the KfW Development Bank.



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