

## Call for Papers for PhD Workshop at the PEGNet Virtual Conference 2021 Climate risks and policies: Towards resilient low-carbon economies

22 & 23 March 2021

### Conference Theme

The Covid-19 pandemic creates an acute crisis. It also highlights the need for international development cooperation to anticipate better the coming systemic challenge of climate change. Like the current pandemic, climate change is a risk multiplier: It increases risks, fragility, inequalities and the vulnerability of economies, in particular in the developing world. Responding to the challenges of climate change requires a comprehensive approach to transition towards resilient low-carbon economies. Achieving this transition requires an understanding of the socio-economic and socio-political factors that enable and constrain a “just transition“. Decarbonization policies and instruments have to consider the social and economic consequences and the corresponding political economy. They will have to be implemented pro-actively with a focus on disadvantaged people and those negatively affected. At the same time, prospective climate change impacts need to be better understood and anticipated, in particular their interaction with other socio-economic systemic failures, including fragility, poverty and vulnerability.

### Keynote Speakers

- [Vikram Widge](#) (Climate Policy Initiative)
- [Ottmar Edenhofer](#) (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research)
- [Meera Mahadevan](#) (University of California)

### Conference Format

The PEGNet Conference 2021 will provide a platform for leading development scholars, practitioners and policy-makers to reflect on relevant topics in the field of development economics. In addition to high-level dialogue and exchange of ideas, the two conference days will feature a workshop for PhD researchers from developing countries. For more information on the PEGNet conference, please refer to [www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de](http://www.pegnet.ifw-kiel.de).

### PhD Workshop Format

The objective of the workshop is to facilitate exchange between PhD candidates or junior researchers from developing countries and senior researchers in the absence of the more fluid, in-person conference format. Participants will be matched with senior researchers from the Kiel Institute (IfW), the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), and the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC) in small groups to discuss their research. Senior researchers will serve as discussants and provide feedback on the papers submitted. The workshop will be scheduled on both days before the keynote sessions.

### Deadline for Abstract Submissions

The submission deadline is **3<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. Notification of acceptance will be sent out in **by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

## Tentative Conference Program

Day 1   22 March 2021	
1.00-2.30 pm	<b>PhD Workshop – Parallel sessions</b>
	<i>Break</i>
2.45-3.00 pm	<b>Opening</b>
3.00-4.00 pm	<b>Keynotes</b>
	<i>Break</i>
4.15-5.15 pm	<b>Session 1: Mitigation policies in developing countries – Recent evidence and policy implications</b>
	<i>Break</i>
5.30-6.30 pm	<b>Session 2: Putting just transition towards low-carbon development into practice</b>
Day 2   23 March 2021	
1.00-2.30 pm	<b>PhD Workshop – Parallel sessions</b>
	<i>Break</i>
2.45-3.00 pm	<b>Opening</b>
3.00-3.45 pm	<b>Junior Keynote</b>
	<i>Break</i>
4.00-5.00 pm	<b>Evidence on climate change impacts – Parallel sessions</b>
	<b>Session 3: Migration, climate and conflict</b>
	<b>Session 4: Climate change and health</b>
	<i>Break</i>
5.15-6.15 pm	<b>Session 5: Policies for strengthening resilience and managing risk</b>
6.15-6.30 pm	<i>Wrap-up and close of conference</i>

## Guidelines and Selection procedures

We invite submissions of three-page abstracts or full paper versions that focus on **policy-relevant topics in the field of development economics**. We recommend the submission of a full paper version as this will allow more detailed feedback. 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. **PhD candidates and junior researchers from developing countries** are eligible for participation in the workshop.

Advisory board: Rainer Thiele (IfW, PEGNet), Jann Lay (GIGA), Jan Steckel (MCC) and further senior colleagues from the partner institutions.

Please email your submission to [pegnet@ifw-kiel.de](mailto:pegnet@ifw-kiel.de) in a pdf or Word file and indicate **“PEGNet Conference 2021”** in the subject heading.

## Organisers

The conference will be co-organised by *the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW)*, the *German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)*, the *Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC)*, and the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)* on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).