

PEGNet NEWSLETTER VOLUME 26

As spring approaches, we would like to welcome you to our second PEGNet newsletter of the year. First of all, we would like to remind you that there are still a couple of days left for you to submit your abstracts for presentation at the PEGNet Conference 2016. In addition, we would like to announce two new exciting developments: the Call for the eighth PEGNet Best Practice Award is now open and we are co-organising a workshop with GIGA and FONAP that will be held in Hamburg this May.

More information on these and other PEGNet activities are given in this newsletter. As usual, we will also provide you with information on the latest developments at our partner institutes. This and past editions are available online: [PEGNet Newsletter Archive](#).



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1. Announcement: PEGNet Conference 2016

There are still a few days left for the submission of abstracts to the PEGNet Conference 2016. The conference will be held on the **15th and 16th of September 2016** in Kigali at the College of Business and Economics, University of Rwanda.



As preparations with our local partners, the Institute of Policy Analysis and Research IPAR-Rwanda, advance we would like inform you that we now have an exciting line up of speakers and plenary discussions.

The keynote speech on the first day of the conference will be delivered by Bernard Hoekman from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. Bernard Hoekman is the Professor and Director of Global Economics at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. He has extensive experience in regional trade and integration and his most recent publications include: Supply Chains, Mega-Regionals and Multilateralism: A Road Map for the WTO (London: CEPR Press, 2014); Structural Issues at the WTO (with Joe Francois), a special symposium issue of the World Trade Review (January 2015); and The Global Trade Slowdown: A New Normal? (London: CEPR Press, 2015).

The young professional keynote will be given by Amadou Boly from the African Development Bank in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Amadou Boly is currently a Principal Research Economist at the African Development Bank, prior to his appointment, he worked as a Research Fellow at the United Nations University - World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) and as an Industrial Development Officer at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

In addition to the excellent keynote speakers, we will have a debate that discusses whether regional integration should be viewed as a promising opportunity or dead end.

If you are interested in submitting a paper to the PEGNet Conference 2016, you may still do so by sending an email to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de with your abstract attached as a PDF or Word file, please state "**PEGNet Conference 2016**" in the subject heading. Abstracts should have **more than 400 words but should not exceed three**

pages. The submission deadline of abstracts is the **29th of April 2016**. The deadline for full papers is the **1st of August 2016**. Upon request, lump sum travel grants of 500 US Dollars will be provided to participants based in developing countries. We look forward to seeing you in Kigali.

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2. Call for submissions for the PEGNet Best Practice Award

This year, we will grant the PEGNet Best Practice Award for the eighth time to a project that demonstrates effective cooperation between research and practice.

The idea of the PEGNet Best Practice Award was born out of two observations. On the one hand, the policy impact of research is often weak, as development research may not always ask the right questions. On the other hand, modern research tools seldom make their way into policy design indicating a lack of shared knowledge. All this implies that more and better modes of interaction between researchers and practitioners are urgently needed. The PEGNet Best Practice Award supports such interactions.

Over the years, the award has been granted to many interesting projects and collaborations, that have had a profound impact on development. For instance, the winners of last year's Best Practice Award evaluated Access to Energy Interventions in three countries and found that electrification had an impact on poverty alleviation in Rwanda and fertility in Indonesia.



We invite interested parties to submit project abstracts as pdf or Word files stating '**Best Practice Award 2016**' in the subject heading to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de. Abstracts should not exceed three pages. The deadline for abstract submissions is the **30th of May 2016**. Notification of acceptance will be sent out in July 2016. The deadline for preselected projects to hand in additional

material is August 1, 2016. The minimum additional material will be a project report.

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3. News from GIGA

The GIGA German Institute for Global Area Studies, the GIZ Forum Nachhaltiges Palmöl (FONAP) and PEGNet are jointly organising a half-day workshop entitled „The Certification of Agricultural Products as a Key Driver of Sector Transformation“. The workshop is motivated by the increasing public demand for producers to report on the origin of raw materials and adhere to labour and environmental standards. In this context, certification schemes have gained in importance. By enhancing transparency, certification provides companies with an opportunity to be key drivers in shifting the agricultural sector towards more sustainable production modes that also foster rural development. Especially in developing countries, the certification of agricultural products has the potential to give small-scale farmers a competitive edge on the world market and to improve their livelihood.

The workshop is open to researchers and practitioners interested in exchanging experiences and ideas regarding the implications of certification. It aims to transcend the borders between sectors and between theory and practice.

If you would like to participate, please send the registration form (available on the workshop website), including your preferred group discussion to certification-workshop@giga-hamburg.de, by the **29th of April 2016**

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4. News from the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)

The 5th Annual International PhD Conference in International Development will take place on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September 2016 at the School of International Development (DEV) at the University of East Anglia (UEA).

The conference is organised in collaboration with the Ruhr University Bochum (Institute of Development Research and Development Policy, IEE; UAR Graduate Centre for Development Studies) and Erasmus University Rotterdam (International Institute of Social



Studies, ISS, in The Hague). The event is sponsored by the University of East Anglia and the European Association of Development Research Institutes (EADI). We invite current or recently-graduated PhD students working within the broadly-defined tradition of development studies to submit 300 word abstracts for poster or paper presentations on any contemporary theme within social, economic, political, and natural resources development. We also invite papers for two special sessions on global environmental justice and water security.

We are particularly interested in submissions with empirical content that show methodological and theoretical innovation and interdisciplinary engagement.

Abstracts should be submitted by the **31st of May, 2016** and successful applicants will be notified by the **30th of June 2016**. [>>More information](#)

The latest issue of EADI's European Journal of Development Research (EJDR, Vol. 28 No. 2) includes a special debate section on inclusive development. EADI members get access to the EJDR for free (printed copies and/or online access).

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A new EADI book on Local Governance, Economic Development and Institutions examines the interconnections between local governance, economic development and institutions, by focusing on what initiatives work and under what conditions they do so. Using a variety of theories and empirical data, the contributors present evidence from current experiences around the world.



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5. News from the Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences

The department of Social Security Studies from the Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences together with the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Development Institute, and the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance are convening an international symposium on "Social protection systems – tying the knots" on September 5-6, 2016 in Bonn, Germany. The



symposium is meant to provide a platform for practitioners, academics, policy-makers, and experts from public



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and private entities, who have a special interest in (i) designing and reforming social protection systems, (ii) getting an update about best-practice and

the latest research findings, and

(iii) having an opportunity to network and discuss their own experiences.

Deadline for submitting abstracts on the research themes of system variation, system creation and system analysis is the **31st of May, 2016**.

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6. News from the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)



CODESRIA

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) is pleased to announce its 2016 Child and Youth Institute that will be held for two (2) weeks, from the **17th to 28th of October 2016**. The institute is one of the components of the Child and Youth Studies Programme and is aimed at strengthening the analytic capacities

of young African researchers on issues affecting children and youth in Africa and elsewhere in the world. The institute is designed as an annual interdisciplinary forum in which participants can reflect together on a specific aspect of the conditions of children and youth, especially in Africa.

Applicants should be PhD candidates or scholars in their early career with a proven capacity to conduct research on the theme of the Institute. Intellectuals active in the policy process and/or social movements and civil society organizations are also encouraged to apply. The number of places offered by CODESRIA at each session is limited to ten (10). Non-African scholars who are able to raise funds for their participation may also apply for a limited number of places.

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7. News from the Overseas Development Institute

The Development Progress and Growth, Poverty and Inequality Programme at the Overseas Development Institute has several new publications:

10 things to know about progress in international development



**Growth, Poverty
& Inequality
Programme**

Around the world, amazing progress is being made. More than 1 billion people have been lifted out of extreme poverty since 1990 with major gains made in health and education and in other areas that contribute to human well-being. While the world still faces

considerable challenges, including inequality, conflict and climate change, there are many lessons to be learned from countries that have, against all the odds, improved the well-being of their people. What have different countries done to help drive the global progress of recent years? To find out, we've produced a series of 50 case studies, exploring countries that have achieved impressive progress on a range of issues. Here we highlight 10 of the best.

Leaving no-one behind: can the Sustainable Development Goals succeed where the Millennium Development Goals lacked?

This article considers what the Leave No-one Behind agenda means, and how it interacts with the gender equality agenda. It starts with a brief assessment of what the Millennium Development Goals have delivered for women and girls by way of comparison. We then go on to look at the Sustainable Development Goal framework, in relation to both gender equality and Leave No-one Behind. This is followed by an assessment of what is needed to put this rhetoric into practice, through national plans, policy changes, data, financing, and political will.

Who is being left behind in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and Latin America?

The commitment to 'leave no one behind' has been a key feature of all the discussions on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and is now hardwired into the agreement. The idea that 'no goal should be met unless it is met for everyone' is well established in the rhetoric around the new goals. These three papers set out the first step along the road to implementing this agenda - the step of identifying marginalised communities. Focusing on two case study countries for each of the three regions, sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the papers identify gaps in achieving a number of outcomes relating



to key SDGs targets for marginalised groups.

Other publications and news from the ODI are available at the link below.

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8. News from GIZ

The Advisory Project 'Eradicating poverty – Reducing inequality' is organizing an international expert workshop on inequalities in Berlin from 5-6 September 2016. The workshop will bring together academia, policy makers and practitioners from the Global South and North to discuss how development cooperation can contribute to tackling the growing gap between the rich and the poor. The workshop is being organized on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)."

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New Issue Brief Series on Sustainable Economic Development: The Sector Project "Sustainable Economic Development" launched its new Issue Brief series. The Issue Briefs regularly provide short and concise summaries of the Sector Project's

main work and publications concerning sustainable economic development. The first two editions focus on Green Economy/Green Growth topics: **"Promoting a Green Economy Transformation in Sub-Sahara Africa"** and **"Assessing green growth gaps at country level - How to support further transformation toward a green economy in Costa Rica"**.

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The Sustainable Economic Development Programme in Nigeria (SEDIN) developed Financial Literacy (FL) Materials with co-financing from the EU project for Deepening Economic Development for Peace and Stability in Plateau State, Nigeria. The **FL Materials** cover 13 topics packaged into modules which aim to improve the capabilities of the low-income economically active population in the following areas: 1) How to manage my money well; 2) How to plan for my future; 3) How to use financial products and services; 4) How to coordinate with my family and community; and 5) How to fund my business successfully. The materials can be easily combined to fit the specific needs of the selected target groups.

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