



PEGNet Conference 2017

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The registration for the **PEGNet 2017 Conference** on “**Understanding national inequalities and how to address them**” in Zurich is now officially open and can be accessed here: [Registration form](#).



There are no registration or conference fees. However, please note that if you want to attend the conference dinner, a fee of 20 Euros will be charged to ensure that participants that have signed up for the dinner are committed to attending it and to reduce food wastage.

The proceeds from the dinner will be donated to a charity whose mission is in line with that of PEGNet and takes a strong focus on the reduction of poverty and inequality. Details of how to make the payment will be shared upon completion of the registration form. The conference will include parallel sessions based on invited and contributed papers as well as project presentations. The keynote addresses will be given by **Giovanni Andrea Cornia** from the University of Florence and **Christoph Lakner** from the World Bank.

Further information on our program can be accessed here: [Program PEGNet 2017 Conference](#).

New PEGNet Policy Brief

The tenth PEGNet Policy Brief has been published and is now available on our website at the following link: [PEGNet Policy Brief](#).

The Policy Brief on ‘Land use competition in Sub-Saharan Africa’s rural areas’ has been written by **Kerstin Nolte** who works for the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies and **Kacana Sipangule** from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW). The authors highlight the importance of addressing the plight of African smallholders who still represent the most important actors in agriculture, despite the current transformations underway. Consequently, land and participatory rights of smallholders should be strengthened, especially when new medium and large investments are emerging. They further emphasize that agriculture must take environmental implications into consideration.

Authors that are interested in contributing to the PEGNet Policy Brief Series are invited to send contact the PEGNet Team: pegnet@ifw-kiel.de.

More information



News from the German Economic Association, Research Group on Development Economics



The Annual Development Economics and Policy Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics in the German Economic Association will be held on **June 28-29, 2018** at ETH Zurich and the University of Zurich, Switzerland.



This conference brings together international scholars and researchers of development economics and neighboring fields. Plenary sessions with keynote speakers, parallel sessions with contributed papers, and a poster session (with two discussants for all posters) will reflect the current state of research in development economics and provide a forum for exchange for researchers and practitioners.

Interested contributors are invited to fill a **submission form** and upload their full paper before **February 15, 2018**. Acceptance notes with detailed information will be sent by early April 2018. The conference will start in the afternoon of **June 28, 2018**. There will be a conference fee of CHF 50.

[More information](#)

News from the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval)

The DEval invites experts that have used quasi-experimental approaches to evaluate projects under the cooperation with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) or other development organizations to their conference on Rigorous Impact Evaluations.



The conference will take place on **November 30, 2017** in Bonn and will be held in German. There is no participation fee, but the number of participants is limited to 50 people to ensure open knowledge exchange of all participants. Beside a poster session and two panel discussions, Prof. Stephan Klasen (University of Goettingen) will give the keynote speech. Interested contributors for the poster session should submit a short abstract until **September 15, 2017**. The registration deadline is **October 1, 2017**.

[More information](#)

News from ILO Youth Employment Programme and its Taqem Initiative



The ILO Youth Employment Programme and its Taqem Initiative offers courses in the area of monitoring and evaluation, impact research and participatory gender auditing.

All courses are offered in partnership with the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) and IFAD as of part of an IFAD-financed project, titled "Strengthening gender monitoring and evaluation in rural employment in the Near East and North Africa". The course on "Quantitative techniques of impact evaluation methods", for instance, might be interesting for practitioners and researcher with interest in empirical research who want to strengthen their statistical and analytical skills in impact evaluation.

There are a number of fellowships available to fully or partly cover the tuition and subsistence costs of the courses. Interested applicants are invited to complete the respective course registration that can be found by using the link below.

[More information](#)

News from the Center for Development and Cooperation (NADEL) at ETH Zurich

The Chair of Development Economics and the Center for Development and Cooperation (NADEL) at ETH Zurich are offering a doctoral student position to enhance the understanding of the youth labor market situation in cities of low income countries and how to improve it. The PhD student will contribute to a larger interdisciplinary research project on linking the education and labor market involving five research groups and PhDs from Switzerland, Chile, Benin, Nepal, and Costa Rica.



Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

The position is full-time and limited to four years. Applications are accepted **until September 10, 2017** and the position is available from **November 1, 2017** and will be paid according to ETH Zurich PhD guidelines. More information, such as requirements, can be found on the button below.

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New PEGNet discussion meeting (Fachgespräch)



GIZ and PEGNet jointly organized an expert discussion meeting (Fachgespräch) at the GIZ headquarters in Eschborn on **June 19, 2017**. The event was attended by approximately 30 development researchers and practitioners working in various institutions and universities in Germany.

Presentations on the effects of remittances on development, the drivers of migration-related decisions, and on the influence of development aid on migration were given by Dr. Tobias Stöhr from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Dr. Benjamin Schraven from the German Development Institute and Prof. Dr. Rainer Thiele from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, respectively. Insights from development cooperation were presented by Markus von Essen from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and Peter Bonin from GIZ. A summary of this event is available below.

[Summary](#)

News from the Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE)



The CSAE Conference 2018 on "Economic Development in Africa" will take place from **March 18 to 20, 2018** at St Catherine's College in Oxford.

Conference papers address economic analysis of the broad issues relevant for economic development in Africa. The conference consists of parallel sessions, with plenary sessions and a keynote. Papers on countries other than those in Africa are welcome, providing they deal with issues central to African development. To find out more about the conference, **watch the videos for 'What is the CSAE Conference?'**. The submission deadline for papers is **October 27, 2017**. All papers for consideration must be submitted **online**. There is a limited budget to fund African presenters who are currently living and working in Africa and who will be travelling from Africa to the conference. If awarded, funding will cover flights, accommodation, and conference registration costs.

[More information](#)

News from the DFID-ESRC Growth Research Programme

The DFID-ESRC Growth Research Programme has recently published an **in-depth impact case study** of DEGRP agriculture research into risk-aversion among smallholder farmers in Uganda. The case study examines the different types of impacts the project helped bring about and how these were achieved, with a particular focus on the communications and engagement strategies the research team employed to realise their impact goals. For more on the programme's research impact, visit the **DEGRP impact webpage**.



DEGRP has also recently produced a **'Research in Context' brief** on financial fragility as a barrier to economic growth in low-income countries, summarising the work of DEGRP finance researcher Svetlana Andrianova, of the University of Leicester. The brief provides background information and analysis of the research, to complement the project's own publications.

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