

PEGNet Newsletter Volume 5

In the fifth PEGNet Newsletter I would like to announce our PEGNet Call for Papers. I will also follow up on the PEGNet Best Practice Award 2009 and highlight past and future events from our members/ partners.

I hope you will enjoy our newsletter.



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Call for Papers and Projects

PEGNet Conference 2011: Poor Countries, Poor People, and the New Global Players

German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg,
Germany,
07-09 September 2011

The Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Growth Network's (PEGNet) conference 2011 on “**Poor Countries, Poor People, and the New Global Players**” will be held at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg, Germany, September 7 to 9, 2011.

Conference format

The conference will provide a platform for high-level dialogue between development researchers, practitioners and policy-makers. The 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.

In addition, the PEGNet Best Practice Award will be awarded for the third time to best practices in cooperation between researchers and practitioners.

Conference theme

The central theme of the conference will be the consequences of and the lessons to be learnt from the economic and political rise of new global actors, including countries like China and India. The resulting power shifts and the strengthening of interactions between developing countries have impacted and will impact on the poor worldwide. Another group of new global players of interest are private donor organisations.

One open question is whether the economic and social successes of some countries can be replicated in other contexts. More generally, a core objective of the conference is to identify policies to reduce poverty and promote equity and growth in the context of this new global economic order. We are particularly interested in high-quality papers as well as innovative projects that generate new insights for example on the effects of trade and investment flows from rising powers to developing countries and the role of the former and philanthropic organisations in the aid system. In addition, we are looking forward to receiving contributions

on emerging economic and political powers themselves, in particular with a focus on poverty, equity and social cohesion in those countries. More general contributions to PEGNet's core theme, i.e. the nexus between poverty, inequality, and growth, are also welcome.

Best Practice Award

We also ask for submissions of projects, programs, and initiatives for the 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.

Selection procedures

For the **Best Practice Award**, a maximum of four 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.

Contributed papers and projects will be selected on the basis of papers or abstracts of not less than 500 words. 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.

Please email your submissions to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de in a pdf or Word file and indicate 'PEGNet Conference 2011' in the subject heading. The submission deadline is **April 12, 2011**. Notification of acceptance will be sent out in May 2011. The deadline for full paper submission and additional material for the Best Practice Award is July 8, 2011.

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

Organisers

The conference is co-organised by the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), the Courant Poverty Research Centre at the University of Göttingen, the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) on behalf of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and supported by the KfW Development Bank.

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2. Follow up on the Best Practice Award 2009

“Design and Implementation of Conditional Cash Transfer programs. The Cooperation between the University and the Ministry of Social Development in Uruguay.”

Verónica Amarante and Andrea Vigorito received the first PEGNet Best Practice Award for their effective cooperation between research and practice. They continue to collaborate with MIDES (Ministerio de Desarrollo Social) up to now. Presently, the team investigates the impact evaluation of Asignaciones Familiares, which is a child allowances program that substituted PANES (Plan de Atención Nacional a la Emergencia Social) since January 2008. This program has been working for two years, and now MIDES is launching an impact evaluation to assess whether the objectives of the plan (fostering school attendance, particularly among teenagers, and reducing poverty) have been met. Moreover, they also completed a research process funded by the InterAmerican Development Bank to study the impact of PANES on weight at birth. This project was carried out jointly with Marco Manacorda (LSE) and Edward Miguel (U. of California at Berkeley).

Andrea Vigorito is also working on a book publication about her research on PANES. The book will be published soon.

3. Bolivian Conference on Development Economics

La Paz, November 18-19, 2010, co-financed by PEGNet

The Institute for Advanced Development Studies (INESAD), the Society of Bolivian Economists (SBE), and Universidad Privada Boliviana ([UPB](#)), have jointly organized the second Bolivian Conference on Development Economics, held on November 18-19, 2010, at UPB's Achocalla Campus in La Paz, Bolivia. The conference aimed at bringing together local and international scholars for the exchange of ideas and discussion of recent results within theoretical and applied development economics research. The Conference featured keynote speakers [Beatriz Armendáriz](#) (Harvard) and [Máximo Torero](#) (IFPRI).

[Conference Homepage](#)

[Highlights \(MM Blog\)](#)

4. Impact Evaluation Conference organized by ISS and AIID

The International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) and The Amsterdam Institute for International Development (AIID) with support from the Policy and Operations Evaluation Department (IOB) of the Dutch Ministry of Development Cooperation organized a conference and integrated training event on the topic “Measuring Results for Dutch Development Aid,

Approaches and Future Directions” on October 4-7, 2010 at the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam. The primary objective of this conference was to contribute to the quality and use of impact evaluation of interventions supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Moreover, it was intended to provide a forum to discuss some particular challenges, such as evaluating budget support, the incorporation of evaluations into projects, the combination of qualitative and quantitative approaches in the evaluation design and how to design, organize, and disseminate impact evaluation results to make them contribute more to projects and programs. The conference targeted in particular (i) Development cooperation policy and evaluation staff; (ii) Management and staff in charge of evaluation of NGOs; (iii) Researchers from Research Institutes and Universities; and (iv) Independent evaluation research consultants. About 120 applicants were accepted and attended the conference.

Besides parallel sessions, the conference featured key note speeches on the following topics: (i) Combining Qualitative and quantitative approaches for impact evaluation (Howard White, 3ie); (ii) Strategic Planning to Enhance Developmental Effectiveness of Impact Evaluation (Arianna Legovini, DIME, World Bank); (iii) A case study: The impact of a pay-for-performance financing scheme for maternal care in Rwanda (Paul J. Gertler, University of California); (iv) Client Orientation of Impact Evaluations in Developing Countries (Sulley Gariba, Institute for Policy Alternatives and advisor to the president of Ghana); and (v) Evaluating programmatic support (Stefan Leiderer, German Development Institute).

The conference was preceded by a training event in which Researchers, NGOs, consulting companies and policy makers involved in the design or implementation of impact evaluation for development assistance should get the opportunity to acquire an overview of cutting edge techniques, their policy uses and practical skills for impact evaluation and apply these to their own project work. The training event was delivered by Paul Gertler, Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley and Adam Ross, World Bank, with supported by faculty of ISS and AIID.

For further details and access to all papers and presentations, please visit: <http://www.aiid.org/conference/> or contact Michael Grimm, Professor of Economics, International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam (grimm(at)iss.nl).

5. 3ie Conference Announcement

Call for abstracts: 2011 Conference "Mind the Gap: From Evidence to Policy Impact"

Deadline for abstract submission is January 31, 2011

The [International Initiative for Impact Evaluation](#), the [National Institute for Public Health in Mexico](#), the [Inter-American Development Bank](#) and the [Center for Labor and Social Distributive Studies](#) in coordination with the [Impact Evaluation Network](#) and the [Poverty and Economic Policy Network](#) are co-hosting an international conference "[Mind the Gap: From Evidence to Policy Impact](#)" in Cuernavaca on June 15 -17, 2011.

Researchers, policy makers, program managers from Latin America and around the world are invited to submit papers presenting impact evaluation findings or experiences in managing and using impact evaluations for better development results. Some of the key themes of the conference are: Governance, crime and violence; post-disaster recovery and climate change; labour markets and migration; health and nutrition; urban development; and support to diversifying livelihoods.

For information on the conference and the call for abstracts visit: www.impactevaluation2011.org/

6. News from ODI

- Two new 'development progress stories' on economic conditions: [Vietnam](#) and [Mauritius](#)
- Two new 'development progress stories' on health: [Bangladesh](#) and [Eritrea](#)
- An 'ODI opinion' on [equity and macroeconomic stability](#)
- ['Tips and tools for Aid for Trade, inclusive growth and poverty reduction'](#)

Spatial Poverty Trap Working Paper Series:

- [Policy responses to the spatial dimensions of poverty](#) ODI Working Papers 328, December 2010
- [Spatial disadvantages or spatial poverty traps: household evidence from rural Kenya](#) ODI Working Papers 327, December 2010
- [Spatial inequality and urban poverty traps](#) ODI Working Papers 326, December 2010
- [Patterns of poverty in remote rural areas: a case study of a forest-based region in Southern Orissa in India](#) ODI Working Papers 325, December 2010
- [Spatial poverty traps and ethnic conflict traps: lessons from Northern Ghana's 'Blood Yams'](#) ODI Working Papers 324, December 2010

- [Migration, remote rural areas and chronic poverty in India](#) ODI Working Papers 323, December 2010
- [Isolation and poverty: the relationship between spatially differentiated access to goods and services and poverty](#) ODI Working Papers 322, December 2010
- [Spatial poverty traps: an overview](#) ODI Working Papers 321, December 2010

Events on intergenerational transmission of Poverty

[Inheritance and the intergenerational transmission of poverty](#) – an international workshop.

Women in Africa and Asia are commonly excluded from owning and inheriting assets, particularly land and the implications that this has for their ability to make independent decisions, exit poverty and invest in the next generation. The workshop brought together researchers, practitioners and activists from around the world to discuss new evidence showing that this pattern of land ownership and inheritance has negative consequences for women now and is also implicated in their children growing up in poverty, increasing their likelihood of becoming poor adults. A workshop report summarises the presentations and discussions and provides links to papers drafted for the workshop and the powerpoint presentations given during the event.

[Empowering Women, Reducing Child Poverty and Enabling Women to Inherit](#) – a public meeting.

This meeting brought together around 70 practitioners, activists, researchers and students to hear why access to and ownership of land is important for women's economic empowerment and their ability to invest in the next generation. The issues were outlined through an overview of new empirical research. Then a practical agenda to respond to these issues was presented, firstly by a civil society activist, who described her organisation's work to protect women's land rights in Ghana (Grassroots Sisterhood Foundation) and then by representatives from a bilateral development agency (GTZ) and a multilateral development agency (UNIFEM). A summary of the presentations and discussions is available on-line and is accompanied by the powerpoint presentations given during the event.

7. KfW Award 2011 for Policy-relevant Development Research Promoting the Dialogue Between Science and Practitioners

KfW Development Bank considers itself not only an implementation agency, but also a knowledge bank of German development cooperation. Part of this role is to foster the dialogue and cooperation between academic research and development policy and practice.

To this end, KfW is conferring the new annual KfW Award for policy-relevant development research. The award is assigned in close cooperation with the Development Economics Council of Verein fuer Socialpolitik. Verein fuer Socialpolitik is the most prominent academic association of economics and social sciences in the German-speaking area.

The Award is conferred on research of outstanding academic quality that has, at the same time, practical or political relevance and thus the potential to stimulate better development cooperation. Two categories apply:

- The Young Academics Award, endowed with prize money of up to EUR 5,000 is given to up to three doctoral dissertations submitted in 2010, in universities in German-speaking area.
- The Excellence Award is given to one outstanding publication in a refereed journal, in 2010, by a member of a research institution in the German-speaking area. It comes with prize money of EUR 5,000.

The award is flexible with regards to both topics and approaches. It is open to works from the whole area of development research, comprising disciplines such as geography, economics, sociology, social and cultural anthropology, legal studies and regional studies. Innovative and interdisciplinary research is welcome, as are critical and unorthodox analyses to the extent that they have the potential to contribute to better policy and practice.

The selection will be made by a commission which is composed of representatives of different disciplines and the KfW Development Bank.

Proposals/ Nominations can be submitted by heads of academic chairs and research institutes and in addition to the work (preferably in PDF) it should be submitted a maximal double-sided explanation, as well as all dissertations expertises (for the Young Academic Award, as copy or PDF).

The documents have to be submitted not later than March 1, 2011 via E-Mail or to the following address:

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Further information can be found under: <http://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/kfw-foerderpreis>

The PEGNet Newsletter is not sent out on a regular basis, but depending on new developments or events within PEGNet and from our partners and members.

We are happy to include news from your side, if they are related to poverty reduction, equity and growth and in particular to the interaction between policy, practice and research in development. Please send the news you want to be distributed to our Email. This could include calls for papers, reports of conferences or workshops, published papers or books, grants, new projects, programmes, or related initiatives.

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