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Welcome to the PEGNet Newsletter. We look back on a successful year 2016 where we launched our PEGNet Expert Discussion Series and held the PEGNet Conference on regional integration in Kigali, Rwanda. We are also happy to announce that the PEGNet Conference 2017 will be held in Zürich, Switzerland.

You find more information on the Conference and the Call for Papers in this newsletter. As usual, we 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 2017 in Zürich, Switzerland

We are pleased to announce the PEGNet Conference 2017 with the title "*Understanding national inequalities and how to address them*". It will be held on the **11th**



Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

and 12th of September 2017 in Zürich, Switzerland, at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH). The

Conference will be organized in partnership with the NADEL-Center for Development and Cooperation at the ETH.

The recent success in reducing poverty and increasing economic growth rates achieved by many developing countries has not been accompanied by a corresponding reduction in inequality. If anything, the last years have witnessed an increase in within-country inequality, notably in Asia and Africa. This trend of rising inequality has not been unique to developing countries: many OECD countries that have always had low inequality are facing a growing gap between the rich and poor. We are honored to have Giovanni Andrea Cornia (University of Florence) and Christoph Lakner (World Bank), both experts on the topic of income inequality, as our senior and young keynote speakers respectively.



We have opened the **Call for Papers** for the Conference 2017 and would like to invite you to submit your abstracts and Best Practice Award project contributions by email to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de in a PDF or Word file with "PEGNet 2017" as the subject heading. Abstracts should have **more than 400 words but should not exceed three pages**. The submission deadline of abstracts and Best Practice Award projects is the **1st of May 2017**. Priority will be given to projects with clear implications for policy design and implementation. The deadline for full papers and additional material for the Best Practice Award is the **1st of August 2017**. 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 Zürich.

2. New PEGNet Policy Brief

The eighth PEGNet Policy Brief has been published in February and can be found on our [website](#).

The Policy Brief titled "Industrialisation in Africa – Challenges and Opportunities" has been authored by Prof. Dr. Helmut Asche from the Universities of Mainz



and Leipzig and Prof. Dr. Michael Grimm who holds the Chair for Development Economics at the University of Passau. The authors point out that the substantial growth and poverty reduction experienced by Sub-Saharan Africa over the past two decades is not likely to be sustainable because it has not been based on industrialization. They argue that governments in Sub-Saharan Africa should pursue structuralist industrial policies that rely on a structured and inclusive public-private dialogue.

Authors that are interested in contributing to the PEGNet Policy Brief Series are invited to contact the PEGNet Team at the following email address: pegnet@ifw-kiel.de. Previous editions of the PEGNet Policy Brief are available [here](#).

3. News from GIGA

The GIGA seeks to appoint a Post-doctoral Research Fellow to conduct comparative research in political economy, with a focus on political mobilisation and radicalisation. Applications are invited for a full-time position starting as soon as possible, with an initial contract of three years and an option for additional three years, subject to a successful evaluation.

The GIGA also seeks to appoint a Post-doctoral Research Fellow to conduct research on global governance with a focus on maritime governance. Applications are invited for a full-time position starting as soon as possible, with an initial contract of three years and an option for additional three years, subject to a successful evaluation.



More information on both job positions can be found [here](#).

Moreover, the GIGA Institute of African Affairs (IAA) is looking to fund a limited number of research projects by doctoral students and early career researchers in economics, political science or other social sciences based at research institutions in sub-Saharan Africa, in particular in South Africa.

The primary aim of this call is to intensify and consolidate cooperation with excellent partners in sub-Saharan Africa and foster collaborations on research topics of joint interest. Submitted proposals should synergistically connect to ongoing or potential future **IAA research activities** within the broader



scope of the four GIGA Research Programmes (RPs) – namely **Accountability and Participation** (RP1), **Peace and Security** (RP2), **Growth and Development** (RP3), and **Power and Ideas** (RP4).

For further details and the guidelines for submission please visit the [website](#). All proposals and questions regarding the call should be submitted to iaa@giga-hamburg.de. Screening of applications will begin on **17 April, 2017**. Please note that the maximum funding for each seed project will be €5,000.

4. News from the Global Food Symposium

The Third Global Food Symposium will be held on **28-29 April 2017** in Goettingen (Germany). The aim of this Symposium is to discuss new research findings and policy challenges related to the global agri-food system transformation. The two-day event will feature plenary sessions, contributed paper sessions, and posters on topics such as food trade, standards, retail revolution, poverty, nutrition transition, nutrition-sensitive agriculture, agribusiness, consumer preferences etc. Confirmed speakers include Jenny Aker (USA), Kym Anderson (Australia), Alan de Brauw (USA), Miet Maertens (Belgium), Jill McCluskey (USA), Marie Ruel (USA), Tom Reardon (USA), Jo Swinnen (Belgium), Maximo Torero (USA), and many more. The Symposium is open to all interested participants and the **dead line for registration** is on **10th of April**. For details of the Program, please see: [Global Food Symposium](#).

5. News from GIZ

Adapting to climate change is crucial for business survival and growth. Businesses that prepare for or adapt to climate change impacts, first and foremost assure their business survival in times of a changing climate. At the same time companies can seize business opportunities resulting from changing climate conditions, e.g. by developing adaptation products and services for people and organizations. The GIZ Global Program

CLIMATE Private Sector Adaptation to Climate Change developed the "Climate

Expert" Approach to assist the private sector and mainly small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in assessing their climate change risks and opportunities. The assessment is basis for further identifying and prioritizing adaptation measures, analyzing their costs and benefits, and developing an adaptation strategy. The approach is being tested in four pilot countries, Bangladesh, Costa Rica,

Morocco and Rwanda and also developed for industrial zones. In addition, business associations, chambers and other private sector institutions are addressed. Case studies, deeper insight into the approach, training materials, the Climate Expert Tool as well as relevant information on the pilot countries and on adaptation financing can be found on the website www.climate-expert.org.

UNEP-FI and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), implemented by the German Development Corporation (GIZ), jointly published the study "Demystifying Adaptation Finance for the Private Sector" which was conducted by the Frankfurt School UNEP Collaborating Centre for Climate & Sustainable Energy Finance, the German Development Centre (DIE) and Acclimatise. The study seeks to shed light on the role, potential and policy needs of private financial institutions in enabling adaptation to the unavoidable physical impacts of climate change. Mobilizing at-scale private finance for adaptation investment in developing countries is a key to building climate-resilient economies. Integrating climate resilience aspects into the day-to-day decisions of private enterprises around the world can unleash the most significant adaptation potential in economic development. Understanding how these decisions are made and ultimately financed is critical for establishing the policy frameworks capable of releasing that potential and, hence, scaling-up private sector investment, and financing, for adaptation to the transformational scale required. The study examines why businesses find it difficult to adapt (e.g. access to finance, lack of information on expected climate change) and what governments and public finance institutions can do to support private sector investments. An executive summary and the full study are available [online](#).



GIZ's Sector Project Employment Promotion in Development Cooperation has recently extended its "Guidelines for an Employment and Labour Market Analysis (ELMA)". This GIZ-method is used to identify country-specific constraints and potentials for more and better employment. Since an increasing number of partner countries of development cooperation is being affected by conflict, fragility and violence, a new annex takes the particular framework conditions in these contexts into account: ELMA in contexts of conflict, fragility and violence illustrates interrelations between the methodological instruments Peace and Conflict Assessment (PCA) and ELMA. Furthermore, it explains how ELMA – according to the do no harm principle – can account for peculiarities in the context of conflict,

fragility and violence, and how they can help to identify possible peacebuilding effects of employment promotion. The publication is available [online](#).

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With funding from the Sector Project Sustainable Economic Development, the German Development Institute (DIE) prepared the study "Taxing carbon as an instrument of green industrial policy in developing countries". The study

focuses on two simultaneous and interdependent issues which challenge today's development policy: poverty reduction and climate change. While economic growth is needed to tackle poverty reduction, governments need to set economic frameworks and incentive systems so that this growth remains within global environmental boundaries. When designed well, many of these measures can contribute to alleviating poverty and fostering competitiveness – that is, they can be used as green industrial policy measures. This study focuses on carbon taxes as one possible green industrial policy instrument. It reviews existing evidence on competitiveness, employment and distributional effects with a view to informing the decisions of policymakers and bureaucrats in developing and emerging countries. To this aim, it pays particular attention to tax design options aimed at mediating negative and generating positive effects. The study is available [online](#).

The GIZ Sector Project Sustainable Economic Development has launched its new Issue Brief 'The Political Economy of Extractive Resources'. Since natural resource rents influence political economy relations, diverse development paths can be analysed. Taking a political economy perspective helps to disclose which dynamics are likely to be encountered when implementing technical cooperation projects. By considering informal systems, this Issue Brief aims to explain why donor-driven reforms sometimes fail to meet intended goals. Also, with regard to the political economy dynamics, it gives general recommendations for development practitioners on how to support sustainable development in resource-rich developing countries. Please click [here](#) to access the document.

6. News from Heidelberg University

The Heidelberg University, in Germany, invites you to submit one-page proposals for papers to be presented at the workshop "Tracking International Aid and Investment from Developing and Emerging Economies", where the keynote speakers are David Dollar (Brookings Institution), Helen Milner (Princeton University), and Nancy Qian (Northwestern University). It would grant the pre-launch access to new datasets

on georeferenced aid-like activities by China and India to selected researchers. The funding is available for 12 participants and the **submission deadline** for the one-page proposals is **May 1, 2017**. More information can be found in the [website](#).

7. News from the Households in Conflict Network

On **15-16 November 2017**, the 13th Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network "Development Aid in Conflict-Affected Countries" will take in Brussels. We invite papers that can shed light on the effect of food aid on the beneficiaries as well as the warring parties, on demobilization, reintegration and employment programs, on the role of media during conflict, on forced displacement, on new ways to collect data during conflict and on the impact of prevention and peace programs, to name but a few.

Papers on the causes, functioning and consequences of violent conflict are also welcome, provided they have a strong empirical component, including newly collected data, new analyses of existing data, impact evaluations, experiments in the field, archival data. Please send your papers to the email address of the workshop: brussels.nov2017@gmail.com no later than **15 May, 2017**. Please see the [call for papers](#) or the HiCN [website](#) for further information.

The Key Note speech will be given by Jeremy Weinstein, Professor of Political Science at Stanford University. The workshop will take place at the Université libre de Bruxelles, Brussels. It is co-organized by the HiCN co-directors Tilman Brück, Patricia Justino and Philip Verwimp.

United Nations University World Institute for Development

8. News from UNU-WIDER

Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) jointly with the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) will organize a two-day conference on migration and mobility, in Accra, Ghana on 5-6 October 2017.

Migration and mobility are key facets of our increasingly globalized world. Challenges associated with migration have been brought into sharp relief over the past several years as Europe faces a refugee crisis of significant dimensions. Migration also offers opportunities. For migrants, this may include economic and social mobility, as well as improved physical security and an escape from conflict, violence and persecution. While the impact of



migration on both host and sending countries is a topic of considerable contemporary political debate, there is also ample research showing the benefits in terms of labour market outcomes, economic growth, as well as diversity and innovation.

While most recent policy and economic research attention has focused on 'South-North' migration, the extent of 'South-South' migration and mobility is comparable, if not greater. We are thus particularly interested in submissions relating to South-South migration and mobility. We also especially welcome submissions on these issues in the African region. We invite submissions on voluntary and forced migration and on regular and irregular migration, as well as on internal and cross-border migration and mobility issues.

This conference explores the relationships between migration, mobility and development. Within the context of UNU-WIDER's current research programme on Transformation, Inclusion, and Sustainability and ARUA's priority focus on migration and mobility, it aims to bring together new and innovative research from economics and other disciplines that can inform broader policy-relevant debate and action.

The conference will consist of plenary sessions with keynote speakers, parallel sessions with contributed papers, and a poster session.

We welcome submissions of individual papers, as well as of panels. Panels will include 3-4 papers (plus potential discussants). Interested applicants wishing to present original research should complete the [online application](#) form. The submission deadline is **1 May 2017**.

9. News from the Kiel Summer School of Migration and Asylum

Migration has important economic, political, and social consequences and is at the heart of the public debate across the globe. Recent years have seen a surge in new research that has considerably extended and reassessed our understanding of the far-ranging effects of migration on migrants, their countries of destination, and countries of origin.

The summer school aims to (i) introduce participants to cutting-edge topics in the economics of migration and asylum and (ii) discuss their implications for economic policy. The summer school targets PhD students and recent post-docs in economics and related disciplines with a strong academic record and interest in policy issues as well as staff members of policy institutions with

a graduate degree. The schedule will allow for plenty of opportunities for students to engage in debates and discuss their ideas and research with speakers and fellow students.

The list of speakers includes: Ran Abramitzky (Stanford) Toman Barsbai (Kiel Institute); Herbert Brücker (IAB) Albrecht Glitz (Universitat Pompeu Fabra); Mark Rosenzweig (Yale) and Matti Sarvimäki (Aalto)

The registration fee to attend the summer school is € 680 for graduate students and post-docs and € 1,680 for staff members of policy institutions and all other participants. The fee includes full board and accommodation at the guest house of the Kiel Institute. Participants need to make their own travel arrangements and cover their travel costs. For applicants based in a developing country several stipends will be available to cover the registration fee and some travel costs. Accepted participants are required to stay for the entire week.

To apply, please download the application form [here](#) and send the completed form together with your curriculum vitae and an (unofficial) course/grade transcript to kissep@ifw-kiel.de. All application materials must be received by **April 15, 2017**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by **April 30, 2017**.

10. News from CODESRIA

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa, CODESRIA, invites applications for participation in an institute on 'Economic Justice and Climate Change in Africa' to be convened in **Accra, Ghana** from **29 May to 7 June 2017**, on the broad theme of 'Economic Justice in Africa: Climate change, Inequalities and Development'. This call targets scholars and researchers working in African universities and research centres; practitioners and civil society activists working in the areas of climate change, social and economic justice, resource governance, property rights, commodification and extension of markets, climate justice, agriculture and other issues in the broad area of sustainable development. The institute is a follow-up to the 2015 Economic Justice institute that was held in Durban, South Africa in partnership with OSISA Economic Justice programme from 7-18 September 2015 on the theme 'Economic Justice in Africa: Globalization, the State and Civil Society'.

CODESRIA is looking for proposals that are grounded in both ethnographic and political economy approaches to dissecting the global and local encounters of climate change discourses and policy designs and what this

means to the interests of poor marginal populations in Africa. The deadline for submission of applications is **10 April 2017**. Selected applicants will be notified by **28 April 2017**. All applications should be sent as electronic

email only in word format, to economic.justice@codesria.sn.

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