



# PEGNet

Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network

## PEGNet Newsletter Volume 36

Welcome to the first PEGNet Newsletter of 2019. We hope you have had a good start into the new year! In the following, we would like to give you updates on our activities and share information on the latest developments at our partner institutes. Past editions of our Newsletter are available online: [PEGNet Newsletter Archive](#).

## Save the Date: PEGNet Conference 2019

We have news for you, get your calendars ready! This year's conference is going to be held on **9 and 10 September 2019 in Bonn, Germany**.

The conference theme is "**Promoting social, economic and socio-political development through social protection**".



The PEGNet 2019 conference will be organised jointly with the **German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)** and the **Center for Development Research (ZEF)** which is



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linked to the University of Bonn. DIE is one of the leading think tanks and research institutions for global development and international cooperation worldwide. DIE's philosophy is to build bridges between theory and practice. ZEF started its research activities in 1997, its researchers aim to find science-based solutions to development-related issues.

The conference will be financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and supported by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and the KfW German Development Bank.

Our conference venue, the **Gustav-Stresemann Institute** will offer an excellent environment to engage in stimulating exchange. Researchers, policy makers and practitioners will present their work and will discuss how social protection in developing countries can be improved and be used to promote social, economic and socio-political development. **Information on the Keynote Speakers** and the **call for papers**, which will include presentations, parallel sessions, poster sessions, etc., will **soon be available on the PEGNet website**.



(Photo on the right: from VWA PraxisAkademie in Bonn)

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## Poverty dynamics analysis: how to ensure sustained poverty escapes, fight impoverishment and avoid re-impoverishment



Since 2015, the Chronic Poverty Advisory Network (CPAN) has been studying the **dynamic of poverty** to expand the understanding of the **drivers of sustained and transitory poverty escapes** across contexts. The goal is to draw out policy and programming implications to inform both national and international policy makers

about the urgency not only of ensuring poverty eradication but also to reduce impoverishment and avoid re-impoverishment. Driven by its **Poverty Eradication Policy Preparedness Index (PEPPI)**, panel data availability and demand directly received from some countries; combined with its **mixed-methods research**, CPAN has produced 10 country case studies accompanied by their related policy implication

briefs. To learn more and freely download the studies [click here](#). A synthesis of the network's research with the title "**Sustaining escapes from poverty**" is available [here](#).

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## New research shows changes to livelihoods in rural Tanzania since the late 1980s



In this **new research brief** from the **DFID-ESRC Growth Research Programme (DEGRP)**, Steve Wiggins (Principal Research Fellow, ODI) examines the DEGRP-funded project '**Long-term livelihood change in Tanzania**'. The project investigated how livelihoods had changed in rural Tanzania from the 1980s and 1990s to the mid-2010s and was led by Dan Brockington, Director of the Sheffield Institute for International Development (SIID) at the University of Sheffield.

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## Building Development Studies for the New Millennium

In January 2019, the **European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)** has published a new book titled "**Building Development Studies for the New Millennium**" which is a part of the **EADI Global Development Series**.

The book brings together multiple critical assessments of the current state and future visions of global development studies. It examines how the field engages with new paradigms and narratives, methodologies and scientific impact, and perspectives from the Global South. The authors focus on social and democratic transformation, inclusive development and global environmental issues, and implications for research practices. Leading academics provide an excellent overview of recent insights for post-graduate students and scholars in these research areas.



EADI will host a **Webinar** on the book **on 18 February 2019**.

Furthermore, you can read a **free excerpt of the introduction** which seeks to answer the question whether "**Development Studies Need Social Engagement?**" on EADI's blog.

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## The first re:publica in Africa - a great success!



Digitization can help reduce global poverty. Access to the internet is growing faster than access to electricity and clean water in developing countries. **Digital solutions** are often accepted faster than in Germany. And they offer entirely new approaches to education, health or the support of vulnerable groups such as women, young people, refugees and the rural population. In order to develop digital solutions,

exchange with local people is an important basis. And how successful such a dialogue can be showed the **first re:publica in Africa**. Together with republica GmbH, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) brought the **digital social conference** to Africa for the first time. More than 2,000 national and international representatives from the fields of net activism, blogs, media, start-ups, art as well as civil society, science, politics and business met and networked in the Ghanaian capital **Accra** on **14 and 15 December 2018**. The aim of re:publica Accra was to strengthen local and regional structures and networks working on digital transformation in Africa. The BMZ also used the re:publica Accra to announce the expansion of the regional programme "Make-IT" in Ghana and a second digital centre, after Rwanda.

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## Upcoming Conferences

## CSAE Conference 2019: Economic Development in Africa

17 - 19 March 2019, Oxford/UK

The Centre for the Study of African Economies' **Conference 2019** on the "Economic Development in Africa" is going to take place from Sunday, 17 March 2019 to Tuesday, 19 March 2019 at St. Catherine's College in Oxford, United Kingdom. Eliana La Ferrara from Bocconi University is going to give the keynote address. The opening panel on Sunday, 17 March 2019, will be on the question "What will automation and AI mean for the economic prospects

of Africa?" and the topic of the closing panel on Tuesday, 19 March 2019, is "African trade in the age of global trade turbulence". The **registration** for the conference is open **until early March 2019**.



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## Annual Conference on Development Economics by the Association of Swedish Development Economists (ASWEDE)

4 - 5 April 2019, Uppsala/Sweden

This year's **Annual Conference on Development Economics** held by the Association of Swedish Development Economists (ASWEDE) will take place in Uppsala, Sweden, on Thursday 4, and Friday, 5 April 2019. ASWEDE promotes scientific research in development economics through workshops and conferences, and supports **cooperation between development economists**

**active in and outside of Sweden**. ASWE accepts submissions for the conference from researchers and PhD students on any topic within the area of Development Economics. The program will contain a mix of shorter and longer presentations to encourage an interactive conference. The deadline for submissions to the **Call for Papers** is on **10 March 2019**.



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## Fourth Conference on Data-Driven Development in Africa

10 - 11 May, Halifax (Nova Scotia)/Canada

The **Fourth Conference on Data-Driven Development in Africa** will be hosted by the Department of Economics and International Development at Dalhousie University Halifax, Nova Scotia/Canada on 10 - 11 May 2019. The goal of the conference is to **improve research on African political and**

**economic development** by contributing to the collection and analysis of high-quality data. The conference is a workshop format, with each presenter's time devoted entirely to group discussion of the paper. In particular, Dalhousie University seeks papers that answer substantive questions using large, multi-level, or non-traditional datasets, or which directly tackle issues such as missingness and measurement error. You can **apply** to present your paper **until 1 March 2019**. The conference is free to attend, but space is limited and all attendees must complete the **application form**. **Travel assistance** is available **for students, and for scholars and development practitioners from African countries**.



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## Annual International Conference of the German Economic Association Research Group on Development Economics (AEL) 2019

13-14 June 2019, Berlin/Germany

The **2019 Annual Conference on "Development Economics and Policy"** by the Research Group on Development Economics (AEL) of the German Economic Association is going to take place on 13 and 14 June 2019, **at DIW** in Berlin, Germany. Erica Field from Duke University and Dean Karlan from Northwestern University will be the keynote speakers. The conference is jointly organized by the **Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)**, the European **School of Management and Technology Berlin (ESMT)** and the **German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)**. It 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 will reflect the current state of research in development economics and provide a forum for exchange for researchers and practitioners. The **Call for Papers** is open **until 15 February 2019**.



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## 2019 International Conference on Sustainable Development in Africa at Covenant University

19-21 June 2019, Ota/Nigeria

Covenant University will host its "2019 International Conference on Sustainable Development in Africa at Covenant University".

**"Sustainable Development in Africa"** from 19 - 21 June 2019. Covenant University is ranked the **best university in Nigeria & West Africa** according to the 2019 THE (Times Higher Education) Ranking of World Universities. The conference focuses on the theme **"Africa's Development Agenda: Prospects and Challenges"** and is organized by the university's Centre for Economic Policy & Development Research (CEPDeR). **Abstracts of papers** on a broad range of topics related to sustainable development are invited **until 11 February 2019**.



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## Call for Papers: Labour Issues in Africa's Agricultural and Rural Transformation



The **African Journal of Economic & Management Studies (AJEMS)** has launched a **call for papers** for a special issue which will be guest edited by Evans Osabuohien, Professor of Economics and Chair of the Centre for Economic Policy & Development Research (CEPDeR) at Covenant University in Ota, Nigeria. This **special issue** of AJEMS will focus on **labour issues** that are **related to** the interconnectedness between **agricultural and rural transformation in Africa**. The **deadline** for paper submissions is **15 March 2019**.

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## Training on Labour Market Policy and Employment Promotion in June 2019

GIZ's Sector Project Employment Promotion in Development Cooperation and the Academy for International Cooperation (AIZ) will offer a training on **"Labour Market Policy and Employment Promotion - Background and concepts"** on 24-25 of June 2019 in Bonn. The course imparts a systematic overview on the main labour market challenges in developing countries as well as basic concepts of employment promotion and specific approaches of labour market policy. A complementary training will follow on **"Evidence of Employment Effects – Methods and Implementation"** on 26-27 of June. Following an introduction into quantitative methods used to measure employment effects, the focus of the course will be on the application of the presented methods to improve M&E practices in development cooperation projects with regard to employment effects.



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## Vacancies



### Research Fellow at UNU-WIDER (Mozambique)

The United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) is looking for a **Research Fellow** (P-3) with strong commitment and potential to contribute to the implementation, and monitoring of the **Inclusive Growth in Mozambique – Scaling-Up Research and Capacity programme**. The position will be based in the office of UNU's partner institution DEEF, which is the Directorate of Economic and Financial Studies, in the Ministry of Economy and Finance in Maputo, Mozambique. The application **deadline** is **8 February 2019**.

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### Short-term Consultant at the Development Research Group (USA)

The World Bank group's **Development Research Group (DECRG)** is looking for a **research assistant and short-term consultant** in Washington, D.C., USA. The contract is supposed to start in March 2019, or as soon as available, and runs for 120 days, full-time (until 30 August 2019). The Consultant will work work on **internationally comparable assessments of poverty, inequality and economic mobility**. The deadline for applications is **10 February 2019**.

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## Two Researcher Positions at the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Germany)



The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)'s Research Programme A “**Inter- and Transnational Cooperation with the Global South**” is seeking **two researchers**: One position is currently limited until 1 May 2020 while the contract of the second position will run until 1 May 2021. Both positions should be filled as soon as possible. The persons selected will

conduct **research on European policies for global development** at the interface of development policy and other relevant EU policies. The researchers will particularly contribute to research on how changing political party systems in Europe and the rise of populist parties affects EU development policy and EU external action more generally. The researchers will be a member of the research team in the project “**Europe’s role in the World: From aid to global development**”. The project analyses the EU’s contribution to global sustainable development and identifies factors (EU domestic and external) that influence the EU’s contribution to global sustainable development. The position with the longer contract will also include policy advisory activities during the German EU Presidency. The application deadline is **10 February 2019**.

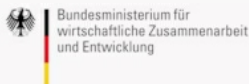
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## Programme Manager at the African School of Economics and Princeton University (USA)

The **African School of Economics (ASE)** is looking for a **programme manager** for an international research project. While this two-year position is based at **Princeton University**, the programme manager will manage field research in Africa, conducted by two postdoc fellows and the in-country partner, the **Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA)**. As such, this position may involve some travel to the African School of Economics (ASE) in Benin and the Centre for the Study of the Economies of Africa (CSEA) in Nigeria. The **starting date** of the two-year contract (with possibility of renewal) is **in March 2019**.

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