

Location

ETH Zurich, Rämistrasse 101, 8001 Zurich

Registration: Main Building, Foyer

Plenary Sessions: HG E5

Parallel Sessions: HG E 21-23, HG F 26.1+26.3

Cloakroom: HG D 3.1

Wi-Fi Login: PEGNET / Password: PEGNET2017

How to get to ETH Zurich by public transport

- from Zurich main station by tram 6 (direction <Zoo>)
or by tram 10 (direction <Zürich Flughafen>)
- from <Central> by cable car (Polybahn)

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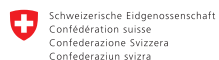


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Conference 2017

Understanding national inequalities
and how to address them

September 11-12, 2017



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Conference Theme

The recent success of many developing countries to reduce poverty and increase economic growth rates has not been accompanied by a 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 with historically low inequality are facing a growing gap between the rich and poor.

Globalization and accelerating technological innovation have been identified as major drivers of growing wage and income inequalities. However, this is not the complete story, as asset inequalities in land and human capital, differences in returns to assets, tax policies, poorly functioning markets, and/or unequal labor market opportunities linked to socio-economic characteristics, all play a major role, particularly in low- and middle income countries.

Rising national inequalities hamper economic growth and/or poverty reduction and may lead to polarization and social unrest. Recognizing this, the international community has pledged to reduce inequality within and among countries through the United Nations-backed 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 10 stresses the importance of moving beyond traditional income measures, including political and social inequalities, with a specific focus on reducing inequalities of opportunity based on age, sex, religion, ethnicity, and origins.

A thorough analysis of the drivers of inequality, social inclusion and protection policies focusing on the poor, and improved data quality and indicators to measure progress are essential to effectively reduce inequalities.

The PEGNet Conference 2017 places within-country inequality at the centre-stage, and will provide a platform for leading development scholars and policy-makers to reflect on the measurement, drivers, and consequences of national inequalities as well as policies that can be implemented to reduce them.

The conference aims to address the following questions, among others:

- Is a certain amount of inequality conducive for growth?
- Does the current data used in developing countries provide a representative picture of inequality trends?
- What are the roles of land reform, educational policies, rural infrastructure and improvements in agricultural productivity in reducing inequality?
- What institutional arrangements need to be put in place to close the income gap between the rich and poor in developing countries?
- What role can development cooperation play in curbing rising inequality?
- How can growth and equity enhancing tax systems be designed?

Conference Format

The conference will provide a platform for high-level dialogue and exchange of ideas between development researchers, practitioners and policy-makers. The two conference days will feature parallel sessions based on invited and contributed papers. The parallel sessions will be complemented by panels and keynote speeches by renowned speakers from academia and development practice. In addition, the PEGNet Best Practice Award and the Impact Award (sponsored by SDC) will be granted.

Organizers

The conference is co-organised by NADEL Center for Development and Cooperation at the ETH Zurich, the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and supported by the KfW Development Bank.

The Media partner is **D+C·E+Z**

Program: 11 September

- 08:00** **Registration**
Main Building, Foyer
- 09:00** **Welcome Address (E5)**
Manfred Wiebelt (PEGNet and IfW Kiel)
Ingolf Dietrich (BMZ)
Adrian Maître (SDC)
Isabel Günther (ETH Zurich, NADEL)
- 09:45** **Keynote Address: Inequality Trends in SSA, 1991-2011 (E5)**
Giovanni Andrea Cornia (University of Florence)
Moderator: Isabel Günther (ETH Zurich, NADEL)
- 10:45** **Coffee Break**
- 11:15** **Parallel Sessions I (E21-23, F26.1+26.3)**
- 13:15** **Lunch (Polyterrasse)**
- 14:15** **Q&A Session with Development Practitioners (E5)**
Ingolf Dietrich (BMZ)
Anne Moulin (SDC)
Moderator: Fritz Brugger (ETH Zurich, NADEL)
- 15:15** **Coffee Break**
Poster Session and Market Place of Ideas
- 16:15** **Parallel Sessions II (E21-23, F26.1+26.3)**
- 18:45** **Welcome Dinner**
Restaurant Linde Oberstrass (Universitätstrasse 91)

Program: 12 September

- 09:00** **Young Professional Keynote Address: Global Inequality (E5)**
Christoph Lakner (World Bank)
Moderator: Lykke Andersen (INESAD / University of Copenhagen)
- 10:00** **Impact Award (E5)**
Moderator: Isabel Günther (ETH Zurich, NADEL)
- 11:00** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30** **Parallel Sessions III (E21-23, F26.1)**
- 13:30** **Lunch (Polyterrasse)**
- 14:30** **Presentation of Reports on Inequality (E5)**
Jon Jellema (CEQ Institute)
Mario Negre (DIE and World Bank)
Bruno Martorano (Maastricht University)
Stephan Klasen (University of Goettingen)
- 16:00** **Coffee Break**
- 16:30** **Best Practice and Best Poster Award (E5)**
Moderators: Linda Kleemann (GFA Consulting Group/ IfW Kiel)
and Michaela Zintl (BMZ)
- 18:00** **Outlook on PEGNet 2018 (E5)**
Yumna Kassim (IFPRI Egypt SSP)
Farewell Remarks
Manfred Wiebelt (PEGNet and IfW Kiel)
- 18:30** **Apéro Riche** at ETH Zurich

Keynote Speakers and Moderators

Dr. Lykke E. Andersen holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Aarhus, Denmark. She has conducted research on development in Latin America for more than 20 years as executive director and senior researcher at the Institute for Advanced Development Studies (INESAD), scientific manager at Conservation International Bolivia, chief economist at the Bolivian Catholic University and as a consultant for the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America, United Nations and various other development institutions. She is a prolific writer with more than 300 publications (books, peer reviewed articles, working papers, policy briefs, and blogs) aimed at policy makers, academics and the general public.

Dr. Fritz Brugger is a senior scientist at NADEL. He holds a PhD in Development Studies from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. His research focuses on the developmental effects of natural resource extraction and on the role of extractive companies. He has consulted on projects regarding governance issues, water management, agriculture and corporate responsibility. He has also worked on projects with bi- and multilateral organizations, NGO's, and private sector companies.

Prof. Giovanni Andrea Cornia is a professor of economics at the University of Florence. He obtained a M.Sc. in Economics (1970) and a M.Sc. in Statistics (1975) at the University of Bologna and participated in a course in econometrics at MIT in 1972. His research mostly focuses on macroeconomic, distributive, poverty and human capital problems in developing countries. He has also conducted research on various human resource development issues in developed and developing countries and - since 1989 - in transition economies. He also works on growth models, land reform, structural adjustment models, and models and approaches to the <transition> aspect of transition economies.

Dr. Ingolf Dietrich is the commissioner for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). He holds a doctorate in agricultural economics from the Technical University in Munich. He also studied agricultural science at the Technical University of Berlin. He previously headed the directorate for climate, poverty reduction, sectoral policies and Latin America. Prior to that, he was the head of the Southern Africa Division for five years.

Prof. Isabel Günther is a professor of development economics and the director of the NADEL Center for Development and Cooperation. Prior to this she was a research associate at the University of Göttingen and at the Harvard School of Public Health. She obtained her PhD in Economics from the University of Göttingen and an MA in International Affairs from the Vienna School of Arts. Her main research interest is in empirical microeconomics with a particular focus on measurement of poverty and inequality, population economics, technologies and policies for poverty reduction, and effectiveness of development aid.

Dr. Jon Jellema is an economist at the Commitment to Equity (CEQ) Institute. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley. He is an expert on fiscal incidence analysis and his research focuses on the impact of tax systems on inequality and poverty in developing countries, as well as the institutional determinants of poverty and economic growth. He has led many CEQ assessments and fiscal incidence studies in Africa and Asia. Previously, he also worked as an economist and social development specialist for the World Bank in Indonesia.

Yumna Kassim is a senior research assistant at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Egypt. She obtained a M.Sc. in Ecological Economics from the Autonomous University in Barcelona. Her research focuses on exploring the impact of environmental policy on natural resource management and governance, human development and livelihoods, poverty alleviation and social inclusion. Prior to joining IFPRI, she worked as a junior research fellow at the European Institute of the Mediterranean and the Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat in Barcelona.

Prof. Stephan Klasen is a professor of economics at the University of Göttingen. He obtained his PhD at Harvard University. His research focuses on poverty, inequality, the environment, and gender in developing countries. He provides his expertise as a member of the UN Committee on Development Policy and the European Development Research Network. He is the director of the Ibero-America Institute for Economic Research and the Courant Research Centre - Poverty, Equity and Growth in Developing Countries - in Göttingen. He previously held positions at the World Bank, King's College (Cambridge, UK), and the University of Munich.

Dr. Linda Kleemann is a consultant at the GFA Consulting Group and a postdoctoral researcher at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy. Previously she was the managing director of PEGNet. She holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kiel and a diploma in Economics from the Universities of Kiel and Zaragoza.

Dr. Christoph Lakner is an economist in the Development Research Group at the World Bank. He is also a research associate at the Centre for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford. He holds a DPhil, MPhil and BA in Economics from the University of Oxford. His research interests include inequality, poverty, and labor markets in developing countries. In particular, he has been working on global inequality, the relationship between inequality of opportunity and growth, implications of regional price differences for inequality, and the income composition of top incomes.

Adrian Maître is the deputy head of the Department Cooperation with Eastern Europe and Central Asia and deputy assistant director general at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The department manages bilateral cooperation across various countries in Central Asia, Europe and the Balkans. Formerly, Adrian Maître was the head of Quality Assurance at the SDC. He was also a research fellow, expert and program manager at CIAT and SDC, working on agricultural research and rural development in Latin America. Previously, he worked as a research assistant at the University of Basel, where he also obtained an MA in Social Anthropology.

Prof. Bruno Martorano is an assistant professor at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance/UNU-MERIT (Maastricht University). Prior to this he worked at the NADEL Center for Development and Cooperation, Institute of Development Studies in Brighton, UNICEF, and the University of Florence. He has consulted for the University of North Carolina, University of Antwerp, UNCTAD, UNU-WIDER, UNIDO, UNDP and the World Bank. He holds a PhD in Development Economics from the University of Florence. His research focuses on development economics, inequality, poverty, policy evaluation, taxation, social protection, political participation and subjective wellbeing.

Anne Moulin is an adviser in the quality assurance and poverty reduction at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). She holds a M.Sc. in Philosophy. Her work has a strong focus on poverty and she is responsible for ensuring that SDC's policies and projects reduce poverty and inequalities, while promoting empowerment. Before joining SDC, she worked for the State Secretariat for Migration, for a Swiss NGO in Algeria and for the Swiss Humanitarian Aid in Burundi and DRC.

Dr. Mario Negre is a senior economist in the World Bank's Development Research Group, seconded by the German Development Institute. He has worked at the European Parliament, first as an adviser to the chairman of the Development Committee and then for all external relations committees. Since 2012, he has been a senior researcher at the German Development Institute. Mario holds a BSc in Physics from the University of Barcelona, an MA in Development Policies from the University of Bremen, and a PhD in Development Economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. His fields of specialization are pro-poor growth, inclusiveness, inequality and poverty measurement, as well as development cooperation policy, particularly European.

Prof. Manfred Wiebelt is a senior research fellow at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), adjunct professor of Economics at Kiel University, and director of the PEGNet. Before joining the Kiel Institute, he held research positions at the South Asia Institute at Heidelberg University and at the Centre for International Agrarian Development in Heidelberg. His research interests are trade and agricultural policy in developing countries, pro-poor growth, management of natural resources, and empirical general equilibrium analysis.

Michaela Zintl is the head of the Evaluation and Development Research Division at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Prior to that, she was the deputy director of the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval), after holding the position of interim director. An economist by training, she has previously worked in various capacities at the BMZ for more than 30 years, including a one year assignment at KfW. She headed the ministry's independent evaluation and, intermittently, audit divisions. She also served as an executive director, representing six member countries on the Board of the Inter-American Development Bank, and chaired the Policy and Evaluation Committee.

