

# German Development Economics Conference and 1st Conference of the EDEG

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Program

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**Session A1: Agriculture I**

“Team production, free riding and tournament incentives: Experimental evidence from a development intervention in Ethiopia”  
Erwin Bulte, Bedaso Taye, Zewdu Abro, Workneh Ayalew, Menale Kassie

“Deforestation without development? Farms, land use, and technology investments”  
Kilian Kamkar, Fernando Chertman

**Session B1: Environment I**

“Natural disasters, environmental values, and the importance of politics: empirical evidence from worldwide survey data”  
Sven Fischer, LeeAnn Patterson

“Climate shocks, armed conflict, and employment: Evidence from 21 African countries”  
Wolfgang Stojetz, Carlo Azzarri, Erdgin Mane, Tilman Brück

**Session C1: Financial Inclusion**

“Is there a business case for banks to increase lending to women and women-led firms? Cross-country evidence on financial performance”  
Chris Sommer

“The price of a clean slate: Debt reporting relief and repayment incentives”  
Natalia Seimel

**Session D1: Political Economy I**

“The political economy of environmental regulation: Evidence from sand mining in India”  
Stefania Lovo

“Dirty politics? Political selection and environmental enforcement in India”  
Nargiza Ibragimova, Tom Zeising

### Session E1: Health I

“The productive and psychological impacts of a cash plus health insurance intervention: Evidence from Ghana”

Martin Paul Jr Tabe-Ojong, Emmanuel Rukundo

“All smoke and (religious) mirrors? Experimental evidence on motivated information selection and processing from Indonesia”

Teguh Dartanto, Renate Hartwig, Jan Priebe, Ann-Kristin Reitmann

### Session F1: Migration I

“Social norms and migration: Evidence from Ethiopia and Nigeria”

Ralitza Dimova, Hanna Fromell

“Does information about legal migration pathways reduce irregular migration aspirations?”

Bernd Beber, Tobias Heidland, Stefan Leopold, Jens Ruhose, Mame Mor Anta Syll, Yogam Tchokni

12:45 – 13:45

**Lunch Break**

14:00 – 15:30

**Parallel Session 2**

**Session A2: Poverty**

“Depression, poverty, and cash: Experimental evidence from a refugee camp”

Antonia Delius, Masud Rahman, Abba Safir, Abdulrazzak Tamim, Theresa Beltramo, Edward Miguel, Utz Pape

“Pensions, payment delays and well-being”

Hanna Berkel, Sam Jones

“Vulnerability from welfare? Timing of benefits and consumption smoothing in India’s public works program”

Stefan Klonner

### Session B2: Environment II

“The price of devotion: Collective rituals, pollution, and child mortality.”

Cristina Cibir, Stefan Klonner, Disha Tiwari

“The effect of air pollution on mortality: Evidence from wildfire smoke in Mexico”

Maximilian Nohr

“Mobility responses to wildfire pollution and unequal adaptation in Indonesia”

Tobias Hellmundt, Madhavi Pundit

### Session C2: Labor I

“Equity conundrum: Unintended consequences of college-level affirmative action on the labor market”

Ritika Gupta

“The unintended consequences of industrial policies: Evidence from Colombia”

Laura Contreras-Portela

“Minimum wage and labour market dynamics in Pakistan”

Aicha Kharazi, Saite Lu, Ghulam Mustafa

### Session D2: Political Economy II

“From fields to ballots: Droughts and electoral shifts in Brazil”

Lou Chiani

“Dual ascent: Chinese demand and agrarian elites”

Juliano Assunção, Laura Barros, Samuel Siewers

“Unequal gains from trade and the distribution of political power in India”

Sebastian Jävervall, Roza Khoban, Ryu Matsuura

### Session E2: Public Economics I

“The cost of bureaucratic fragmentation: Business tax evasion and revenue mobilization in a low-income country”

Yannick Markhof, Stephan Dietrich, Rose Camille Vincent

“Formalization is not enough: Experimental evidence on tax evasion among Ghanaian firms”

Emmanuel Orkoh, Jörgen Levin

“Leveraging religious leaders to increase voluntary tax compliance: Experimental evidence from Tanzania”

Jasmin Vietz, Ingrid Hoem Sjursen

### Session F2: FDI

“FDI, forward linkages and services inputs”

Daniel Prosi, Bernard Hoekman, Marco Sanfilippo, Rohit Ticku

“Do countries really need to build absorptive capacity to benefit from FDI?”

Estimating policy-relevant interaction terms with panel data”

Chris Muris, Konstantin Wacker

“Unveiling the green trail: FDI, global value chains, and firm pollution in China”

Holger Görg, Lars Hecker, Finn Ole Semrau, Zheng Wang

## EDEG Board Meeting

### 15:30 – 16:30 Poster Session (with Coffee)

“Amidst Sahel’s unrest: Malian refugees and rural households in Niger”

Fatou Fall;

Discussants: Sarah Langlotz, Paul Schaudt

“Coal power expansion and long-term human capital in India”

Balasurya Sivakumar

Discussants: Renate Hartwig, Maximiliane Sievert

“Digitizing extension services: Evidence from a two-sided randomized experiment in Indonesia”

Irene Furlani, Michael Grimm, Alia Bihrajihant Raya, Ishadiyanto Salim, Nadila Puspa Arum Widjanarko

Discussants: Friederike Lenel, Lisa Spantig

“Early loss, enduring pain: Orphanhood and subjective well-being”

Bezawit Bahru, Gidisa Lachisa Tato, Eleni Yitbarek

Discussants: Rajshri Jayaraman, Ann-Kristin Reitmann

“From tariffs to toxins: The U.S.-China trade war and drinking water quality in Brazil”

Tarah Lynn Ramthun, Josefin Sünemann

Discussants: Christian Lessmann, Markus Ludwig

“Menstrual stigma and girls outcomes: An RCT intervention in Nigeria”

Terhemem Agabo, Alexander Danzer

Discussants: Cara Ebert, Isabel Günther

“Narratives and attitudes on development cooperation”

Nathanael Schmidt-Ott, Isabel Günther

Discussants: Jörg Ankel-Peters, Matthias Schündeln

“Sovereign default and international trade: The mitigating effects of export credit insurance”

Thilo Kroeger

Discussants: Lukas Menkhoff, Rainer Thiele

“The effectiveness of a community-driven development program: Empirical evidence from Indonesia’s Village Fund”

Ika Putri

Discussants: Krisztina Kis-Katos, Jan Priebe

“The impact of gendered climate policies on women’s work: Evidence from India”

Anna Minasyan, D. Singh

Discussants: Esther Gehrke, Katharina Michaelowa

“The local fiscal returns of decentralization: Evidence from Ukraine”

Oleksii Hamaniuk, Benedikt Herrmann, Felix Rösel

Discussants: Marina Dodlova, Günther Schulze

“The loyalty paradox: Ethnic alignment and the allocation of aid in Sub-Saharan Africa”

Cäcilia Stapper, Tilmann Waffenschmidt

Discussants: Kai Gehring, Anna Minasyan

“The redistribution paradox: Tax reforms and inequality in Kenya’s dual labor market”

Malaki Mandela

Discussants: Stefan Klonner, Jann Lay

“Training and coaching to unlock SME’s potential? Evidence from a randomised controlled trial in Benin”

Thomas Eekhout

Discussants: Michael Grimm, Tim Kaiser

“Unpacking the trade effects of regional integration in Africa: New methods, new insights?”

Magdalene Silberberger, Christian Soegaard, Frederik Stender

Discussants: Martin Gassebner, Lennart Kaplan

“Women’s political representation and fertility: Evidence from gender quotas in Sub-Saharan Africa”

Stefanie Pechar, Renate Hartwig, Jan Priebe

Discussants: Simon Heß, Andreas Landmann

“The Thailand socio-economic panel: A dataset for socio-economic research”

Philipp Albert

16:30 – 17:30

### Parallel Session 3

#### Session A3: Agriculture II

“Cool as a cucumber? Heat, labor, and productivity in smallholder farms”

Sunna Hügemann, Rajshri Jayaraman

“Sensitivity of farm resilience to alternative drought thresholds: The case of smallholder farming in Malawi”

Carlos Böke Pascual, Fabian Frick, Johannes Sauer

#### Session B3: Environment III

“Climate shocks and entrepreneurial engagement: Evidence from rural Southeast Asia”

Ole Lueck, Javier Revilla Diez

“Moderate disaster exposure divides communities; severe exposure does not”

Ivo Steimanis, Maximilian Burger, Bernd Hayo, Andreas Landmann, Björn Vollan

#### Session C3: Education I

“Safe Paths to School: Evidence from Bogota’s Walking to School Caravans”

Rafael Hernandez-Pachon, Isabela Munevar

“Mentors or Messages? Experimental evidence on social support, information, and school dropout in rural Guatemala”

Carla Coccia, Eric Edmonds, Martina Jakob, Mauricio Romero

### Session D3: Political Economy III

“Female electoral success and the survival of girl children in India”

Nabaneeta Biswas, Christopher Cornwell, Laura Zimmermann

“The ‘ripple effect’ of criminally accused politicians on crime: Evidence from India”

Souparna Maji, Vikram Bahure

### Session E3: Health II

“Understanding overconfidence among doctors”

Lena Merkel, Jan Priebe, Daniel Wiesen

“Incentives for knowledge acquisition and antibiotic dispensing behaviors of pharmacists in Ghana”

Christoph Strupat, Edward Asiedu, Maximilian Guigas, Jan Priebe, Matthias Rieger

### Session F3: Gender I

“Losing my religion (or maybe not): Religion and fertility patterns in Africa”

Phoebe Ishak, Mark Gradstein

“The marriage squeeze: Measuring and explaining marriage market dynamics in Sub-Saharan Africa”

Christiaan De Swardt, Renate Hartwig

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9:00 – 10:30

### Parallel Session 4

#### Session A4: Agriculture III

“Signaling trustworthiness in agricultural input markets: Experimental evidence from Nigeria”

Michael Grimm, Stellamaris Aju, Emily ter Steg, Bulte Erwin, Marrit van den Berg

“Credit constraints and capital allocation in agriculture: Theory and evidence from Uganda”

Konrad Burchardi, Jonathan de Quidt, Benedetta Lerva, Stefano Tripodi

“Beyond subsidies: Psychological constraints and women’s adoption of nutritional seeds in Ethiopia”

Temesgen Belissa, Robert Lensink, Kritika Saxena, Abdeta Wakoya

#### Session B4: History

“From boom to bust: The structural transformation of Chile's industrial sector after the nitrate collapse”

Alejandra Rodríguez Morales

“Colonial legacies and elite reproduction: The role of education in South Africa’s inequality”

Sarah Ferber

“Heritage of hostility: How anti-missionary violence and industrial capacity shaped China’s quid pro quo for foreign technology”

Renliang Liu, Jian Xie

#### Session C4: Political Economy IV

“A moral hazard theory of state capacity and colonial governance”

Wilfried Youmbi

“Political border designs and the salience of ethnicity in politics”

Richard Bluhm, Roland Hodler, Paul Schaudt

“The relevant third”

Sourav Bhattacharya, Somdeep Chatterjee, Pushkar Maitra, Manhar Manchanda

#### Session D4: Labor II

“Family planning, women's employment, and household labor supply”

David Canning, Mahesh Karra, Dan Maggio

“Women empowerment against sexual harassment: Evidence from Tanzania”  
Arne Nasgowitz, Kjetil Bjorvatn, Vivian Kazi

“Working without wages: The consequences of widespread pay delays”  
Daniel Sonnenstuhl, Dauda Musa

### Session E4: Environment IV

“The impact of coral bleaching on fisheries, nutrition, and stunting in East Africa”  
Roman Eric Sieler

“Does anticipatory cash transfers help? Quasi-experimental evidence from Somalia”  
Kamran Khan Niazi, Sara Burrone, Dixit Poudel, Giulio Bologna, Niccolo Lombardi, Antonio Scognamillo

“Fostering climate resilience: Socio-Economic effects of improved urban drainage in Bangladesh”  
Angelika Budjan

### Session F4: Aid I

“The heterogeneous effects of foreign aid on local economic development”  
Jürgen Bitzer, Bernhard Dannemann, Erkan Gören

“Food aid, barter, and money: Evidence from Rohingya refugee camps”  
Juan Segnana, Francesco Carli, Joaquin Endara, Burak Uras

“When humanitarian assistance fades out: Experimental evidence from a nationwide program in Lebanon”  
Ghassan Baliki, Micah Cruz, Felipe A. Dunsch, Jonathan Garcia, Andrea Guariso, Jonas Heirman, Dorothee Weiffen

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30

### Parallel Session 5 Session A5: Agriculture IV

“Intra-household bargaining frictions and misallocation: Evidence from Malawi”  
Mengistu Alamneh Wassie, Andu Berha

“Droughts and women’s intra-household bargaining power in rural Ethiopia: Who decides when the rains fail?”  
John Owusu

“Commercial farming and gendered labor reallocation: Evidence from Senegal”  
Regina Schnars, Mohamadou Dieye, Renate Hartwig, Christoph Kubitzka, Céline Zipfel

### Session B5: Conflict

“Tequila shots cause crime”  
Christine Holder, Günther Schulze

“Minerals on the move: Mineral trade and armed conflict in Eastern Congo”  
Else-Marie van den Herik

“Mining the energy transition: Chinese critical mineral investment and protest in sub-Saharan Africa”  
Kampui Tsang

### Session C5: Public Economics II

“Digital highways to development: Mobile internet and tax revenues”  
Mateus Maciel, David Zuchowski

“Assessing the impact of personal income tax reform with administrative data: Behavioral responses and distributional implications”  
David Garces Urzainqui, Jane Kanina, Josephine Mugure, Peter Fisker, Jacob Nato

“Bureaucracies bending the rules: State capacity in the implementation of preferential procurement in South Africa”  
Ayanda Hlatshwayo, Carol Newman, John Rand, Bjørn Sørensen

### Session D5: Health III

“Nutritional benefits of fostering: Evidence from longitudinal data in South Africa”  
Christelle Dumas, Elsa Gautrain, Adrien Gosselin-Pali

“Copayments and the value of health insurance: Experimental evidence from Uganda”  
Kim Cramer, Lorenzo Casaburi, Jack Willis

“Antibiotic trade and child health in Sub-Saharan Africa”  
Igna Bonfrer, Renate Hartwig, Lena Merkel, Elisa Piseddu, Jan Priebe, Matthias Rieger

### Session E5: Migration II

“When jobs (dis)appear abroad: U.S. unemployment and risk of school dropouts in El Salvador”  
Christian Ambrosius, Isidora Knezevic

“Improving migration outcomes: A mentoring experiment and its network effects in Senegal”  
Bernd Beber, Cara Ebert, Zara Riaz, Juni Singh

“The Malengo program: Moving to opportunity abroad”

Marcello Perez Alvarez, Toman Barsbai, Merve Demirel, Philipp Moskopp, Matthias Sutter

### Session F5: Aid II

“Foreign aid and local conflict dynamics: A monthly grid-cell-level analysis in Africa”

Jürgen Bitzer, Bernhard Dannemann, Erkan Goeren

“The local impact of global assistance: Sub-national evidence linking aid and FDI”

Laura Wedemeyer, Lennart Kaplan, Jochen Kluge, Lennart Reiners

“The productivity effects of agricultural development aid: Evidence from border-region difference-in-differences in Sub-Saharan Africa”

Nicole Robiro

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Parallel Session 6

Session A6: Growth

“Natural resources dependence and growth: New insight on the transmission channels”

Emmanuel Sukadi A Sukadi

“Occupational variety and economic development”

Anton Heil, Gabriel Leite Mariante

### Session B6: Measurement

“Leveraging machine learning and weather data to enhance demand prediction for bundled climate risk insurance among West African smallholders”

Tim Ölkens, Kazushi Takahashi, Oliver Mußhoff

“How many children, men, and women are living in poverty globally? An approach combining structural and machine-learning models”

Samuel Kofi Tetteh Baah, Dean Jolliffe, Christoph Lakner, Daniel Mahler

### Session C6: Public Economics III

“The state of maintenance: Can government and citizens cooperate for improved water access?”

Aidan Coville, Daniel Rogger, Jerome Sansonetti, Luca Stanus Ghib  
“Breaking the gridlock: Zero-sum thinking, identity and mutually beneficial reforms”  
Matteo Grigoletto, Kai Sebastian Gehring, Fernando Fernandez, Arne Weiss

### Session D6: Labor III

“Reducing racial bias in hiring: A field experiment with Colombian firms”  
Jaime Millán-Quijano, Suzanne Duryea, Yanira Oviedo

“Traders beyond borders: The effects of incentivizing cross-border trade”  
Paolo Falco, Mattea Stein, Eleanor Wiseman

### Session E6: Education II

“Popularity and student networks: Trade-offs in resolving social isolation through deskmate assignments”  
Palaash Bhargava

“Fostering agency and inclusion in schools through recognition and reflection: evidence from India”  
Prateek Bhan

### Session F6: Migration III

“Climate-related rural-urban migration: Evidence on economic drivers from low- and middle-income countries”  
Sarah Lohr, Barbora Šedová

“Do regularization programs attract more migrants? Evidence for OECD Countries”  
Paúl Elguezabal, Inmaculada Martínez-Zarzoso

16:15 – 16:45

Coffee Break

16:45 – 18:15

### Parallel Session 7 Session A7: Institutions

“The impacts of restrictions to individual rights on indigenous lands”  
Dany Jaimovich, Felipe Jordán, Robert Heilmayr

“Rural internet and collective action”  
Johannes Matzat, Nadine Woolley

“Trees grow better on certified land: Quasi-experimental evidence from Madagascar”  
Tobias Hellmundt, Krisztina Kis-Katos, Zaneta Kubik

### Session B7: Gender II

“Place-based policies, gendered employment and intra-household empowerment effects. Evidence from Special Economic Zones in Africa”  
Cecilia Hornok, [Alina Mulyukova](#)

“Paths of empowerment: The impact of distant violence and displacement in Nigeria”  
[Julian Wichert](#), Paola Elice, Fernanda Martínez Flores, Arndt Reichert

“Building healthy homes: The effect of housing improvement on domestic violence”  
Natalia Cantet, Marcela Ibañez, Mariantonia Lemos, [Charlotte Middelhoff](#), Juan Carlos Muñoz-Mora

### Session C7: Technology

“Scaling information access: Evidence from a nationwide digital policy in China”  
Shilong Zhao, [Dominik Naeher](#), Juan Liu, Junqiao Ma

“Digital beginnings: Labor-market transformation at the onset of connectivity”  
[Valentin Lindlacher](#), Marta Bernardi

“If you build it, will they come? Incentivizing the adoption of digital financial services in Niger”  
Olivia Wirth, Jenny Aker, Josué Awonon, Michael Grimm, [Christina Petrik](#)

### Session D7: Education III

“Religious backlash to sexual education: Evidence from Zambia”  
[Alejandro de Luque Herranz](#), Daniela Solá

“Risk protection and gendered patterns of child labor: Evidence from a large-scale insurance introduction”  
Dorothea Drees, Arndt Reichert, [Alina Sowa](#), Christoph Strupat

“Can life skills foster child learning? Evidence from primary schools in India”  
Tomohisa Miyamoto, [Esther Gehrke](#), Joost de Laat

Session E7: World Bank workshop  
Exploring global poverty and inequality data

18:20 – 18:30

Conference Closing