

KIEL-CEPR African Economic Development Conference

Preliminary program

Day 1 - Thursday, September 12, 2024

10:00-10:40

Conference Opening

Tobias Heidland & Rainer Thiele (Kiel Institute)
Heiko Thoms (State Secretary, Ministry of Finance)
Dominik Schnichels (Director General 'External Economic Affairs', Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action)

10:40-11:40

Keynote

State Capacity and Institutional Experimentation: Uncovering the Political Mechanisms of Development

Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton, African School of Economics)
Moderator: Rainer Thiele (Kiel Institute)

11:45-13:15

Parallel Session I

Session A1: Promoting Peace

Room: Erzberger-Saal

Can International Initiatives Promote Peace? Diamond Certification and Armed Conflicts in Africa

Christine Binzel (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, CEPR)
Discussant: Roland Hodler (University of St. Gallen, CEPR)

Building States through Restorative Justice: The Case of South Africa

Thomas Gautier (Kiel Institute)
Discussant: Mingjie Xu (Universität Mannheim)

Insuring Peace: Index-based Livestock Insurance, Droughts, and Conflict

Paul Schaudt (University of St. Gallen)
Discussant: Alessandro Toppeta (Stockholm University)

Session B1: Tax Compliance

Room: Eurosaal

Property Tax Compliance in Tanzania: Can Nudges Help

Fredrick Manang (University of Dodoma)
Discussant: Tabea Lakemann (GIGA Hamburg)

Mobile technologies and firm formalization: Evidence from Uganda

Krisztina Kis-Katos (University of Göttingen)
Discussant: Aoife Hanley (Kiel Institute)

Fiscal Exchange and Tax Compliance: Strengthening the Social Contract Under Low State Capacity

Laura Montenbruck (Mannheim University)

Discussant: Sebastian Jävervall (Kiel Institute)

Lunch break

14:15-15:45

Parallel Session II

Session A2: Access to Finance

Room: Erzberger-Saal

Mobile Internet, Collateral, and Banking

Nicola Limodio (Bocconi University, CEPR)

Discussant: Lukas Menkhoff (Kiel Institute)

Gendered Access to Finance: The Roles of Team Formation, Idea Quality, and Implementation Constraints in Business Evaluations

Silvia Castro (LMU Munich)

Discussant: Christelle Zozoungbo (Penn State)

Short-term Finance, Long-term Effects

Kenza Benhima (University of Lausanne, CEPR)

Discussant: Robert Lensink (University of Groningen)

Session B2: Conflict, Trade, and FDI

Room: Eurosaal

Roads to Peace or Discord: How does Infrastructure Shape Conflict Dynamics in Africa?

Mingjie Xu (University of Mannheim)

Discussant: Gianluca Santoni (CEPR)

Double-Edged Sword: The Hidden Civilian Toll of FDI in Conflict Settings

Laura Saavedra-Lux (UNU WIDER)

Discussant: Thomas Gautier (Kiel Institute)

Ethnic Remoteness Reduces the Peace Dividend from Trade Access

Diego Malo Rico (UC Louvain)

Discussant: Paul Schaudt (University of St. Gallen)

Coffee break

16:00-17:45

Parallel Session III

Session A3: Aspirations, Information, and Development

Room: Erzberger-Saal

Political Candidacy Matters: How Women's Presence on the Ballot Affects Females' Education

Sossou Simplice Adjisse (UW-Madison)

Discussant: Celine Zipfel (Stockholm School of Economics)

Heterogeneous Firm, Information Friction and Workers' Dynamics: Evidence from the Labor Market in Benin

Selidji Tossou (UW-Madison)

Discussant: Laura Montenbruck (University of Mannheim)

Session A3: Policy Deep Dive

Room: Erzberger-Saal

Economic Advice in Politically Challenging Places

Stefan Dercon (Oxford University, CEPR)

Session B3: Herders and Conflict (hybrid session)

Room: Eurosaal

Development Mismatch? Evidence from Agricultural Projects in Pastoral Africa

Eoin McGuirk (Tufts University) – online

Discussant: Lukas Wellner (Monash University)

Land Ownership, Ethnic Characteristics, and Herder-Farmer Conflicts in Africa

Jotham Talemwa (African School of Economics)

Discussant: Eoin McGuirk (Tufts University)

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Oeindrila Dube (University of Chicago, CEPR) – online

Discussant: Andreas Fuchs (University of Göttingen, Kiel Institute, and CEPR)

17:45-19:15

Policy Panel "Development Finance"

Daouda Sembene (AfriCatalyst), Stefan Dercon (Oxford University, CEPR), Kalpana Kochhar (Gates Foundation), Anna Sophie Herken (GIZ)

Moderator: Christine Mhundwa (tbc)

19:30

Dinner in the Ministry of Finance

Day 2 - Friday, September 13, 2024

9:00-10:00

Keynote

State Capacity and Taxation

Oyebola Okunogbe (World Bank, CEPR)

Moderator: Tobias Heidland (Kiel Institute)

Coffee break

10:30-12:00

Parallel Session IV

Session A4: Small and Medium Enterprises

Room: Erzberger-Saal

Government Demand and Firm Growth

Marco Sanfilippo (University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto)

Discussant: Fredrick Manang (University of Dodoma)

Light Touch, Lean Tally: Impacts of an MSME Programme in Cote d'Ivoire

Tabea Lakemann (GIGA Hamburg)

Discussant: Holger Görg (Kiel Institute)

Customer Knowledge and the Price-Quality Gradient

Christopher Woodruff (Oxford University, CEPR)

Discussant: Kenza Benhima (University of Lausanne, CEPR)

Session B4: Natural Resources and Political Economy

Room: Eurosaal

Mining for Peace

Roland Hodler (University of St. Gallen, CEPR)

Discussant: Christine Binzel (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, CEPR)

Interest-based Negotiation over Natural Resources: Experimental Evidence from Liberia

Alessandro Toppeta (Stockholm University)

Discussant: Nicola Limodio (Bocconi University)

Public-Sector Wages and Corruption: The Role of Public Service Motivation

Francis William Touola (New York University)

Discussant: Rainer Thiele (Kiel Institute)

Lunch break

13:00-14:30

Parallel Session V

Session A5: Global Influences

Room: Erzberger-Saal

Private Colonialism in Africa

Elias Papaioannou (London Business School, CEPR)

Discussant: Kristina Kis-Katos (University of Göttingen)

The Effect of Foreign Aid on Migration: Global Evidence from World Bank Projects

Lukas Wellner (Monash University)

Discussant: Marco Sanfilippo (University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto)

Trade and Infrastructure Integration in Africa

Gianluca Santoni (CEPII)

Discussant: Lukas Kornher (IDOS)

Session B5: Human Capital

Room: Eurosaal

The Role of Gender, Birth Order, and Ability in Intra-household Educational Inequality: Evidence from Benin

Christelle Zozoungbo (Penn State)

Discussant: Renate Hartwig (RWI)

Exposure to Extreme Heat and Children's Cognitive Functioning

Yabo Gwladys Vidogbena (University of Houston)

Discussant: Lennart Kaplan (University of Göttingen)

Female Wage Labor and Fertility: Evidence from the Cut-Flower Industry in Kenya

Celine Zipfel (Stockholm School of Economics)

Discussant: Tobias Heidland (Kiel Institute)

14:30-16:00

Policy Panel "Entrepreneurship and Finance"

Frannie Leautier (SouthBridge Investment), Aoife Hanley (Kiel Institute), Fatou Haidara (UNIDO), Birgit Pickel (Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development)

Moderator: David Renke (Africa Table)

Note: Keynotes and Policy Panels take place in Erzberger-Saal.