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Newsletter

Dear Reader,

In early February shocking and very painful news reached our community at the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE): Giulio Regeni, doctoral candidate at the University of Cambridge and guest researcher at the DIE as late as last year, had been found dead in Cairo. He had left for Egypt in September 2015 to conduct field research. The 28-year-old was reported missing on 25 January – the fifth anniversary of the Egyptian Revolution. The details of his death, which so far have been reported by international media, are harrowing. He appears to have been abused and tortured before he died.

Many colleagues here at the DIE got to know Giulio as an involved, motivated and very reflected young man, who was passionate about research and science. His doctoral thesis was to focus on independent labour unions in Egypt. Giulio's death is a loss to all of us. Even the conjecture, that his death might be connected to his research work, is a grave reminder that we need to continue to strive for scientific freedom and independence worldwide.

In a recent Current Column DIE-researchers went into the question whether Giulio's death is a sad occasion to rethink the cooperation with Egypt.

Against the backdrop of this shattering incident, our work on important issues of international cooperation continues. Among the central research topics for the months to come are the current Chinese and the upcoming German G20 presidency in 2017. An important waypoint towards the German presidency will be the Think Tanks 20 (T20) conference held on 12 and 13 May 2016 in Berlin and co-hosted by DIE. Focus of the conference will be the implementation of the Agenda 2030 in the context of G20.

Another important meeting on a central international policy issue will be the Berlin Conference on Global Environmental Change on 23 and 24 May. Scholars and practitioners of climate policy will gather to discuss the Paris Agreement and its implications for the transformation towards sustainable development.

These plus other news and events, we would like to present to you in this first issue of the DIE's newsletter of 2016.

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News from the Klimalog-Project

Understanding national climate goals through the INDC Content Explorer

On 27 February 2015 Switzerland became the first country to submit its national climate action plan to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Since then more than 160 of these so-called Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) have been submitted. They have become important instruments for the UN climate negotiatons and the international ambitions to fight climate change.

INDC Content Explorer

Based on an in-depth analysis of the INDCs lead by Pieter Pauw, the Klimalog Team at DIE has produced the interactive INDC Content Explorer which makes it possible to search countries' national climate plans under the UNFCCC. It aims to give a better understanding of the countries' INDCs beyond their stated mitigation targets. Special categories include "Loss and Damage", "Adaptation Finance" and "Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform". With the help of an interactive map it is easy to compare different approaches to climate action by the members of the UNFCCC. The INDC Content Explorer can be found via the Klimalog Webpage:

www.klimalog.info

INDCs: The Role of the United Nations in Vietnam's Climate Change Challenge

Vietnam is one of the countries most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. At the same time, Vietnam's economy is rapidly growing, resulting in increasing emissions and resource use. Therefore, extensive adaptation and mitigation are necessary. Relevant measures were announced in Vietnam's recent national climate pledge (INDC). The United Nations (UN) has been supporting Vietnam's efforts with its global network and expertise.

Between February and May 2016 six junior professionals taking part in DIE's Postgraduate Programme and team leader Sander Chan investigate the current role of the UN in Vietnam's response to climate change and explore opportunities for strategic UN engagement. The research assesses the UN's activities, comparative advantages and limits, as well as the needs arising from Vietnam's climate strategies.

The research will be carried out in Hanoi and at selected UN project sites, in collaboration with the UN Country Team and the Vietnamese Academy of Social Science, and other local partners. Interviews will be conducted with, among others, UN officials of various UN agencies and at relevant projects sites, Vietnamese officials at various levels of government, experts from academia and civil society, and donor agencies.

G20 & global sustainable development

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklunspolitik (DIE) has begun with its preparations for the German G20 presidency in 2017. The Institute is already active in the T20 (Think 20) process and advises the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) with regard to the development agenda of the G20. In this, DIE has initiated a close collaboration with the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW). The joint activities focus on the priorities of the current Chinese as well as the upcoming German presidency.

A definite highlight in 2016 will be the international T20 conference in Berlin on 12 and 13 May. The conference is organized by DIE, the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES). Among others, a wide range of partners from the network of Managing Global Governance (MGG) programme

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Video: Pieter Pauw introduces the INDC Content Explorer ein

will participate. MGG is commissioned and funded by BMZ.

The conference will address the contribution of the G20 for implementation of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development through international cooperation. National implementation of Agenda 2030 in Germany provides an important backdrop. As part of the conference, the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) will host a public event in the evening, together with DIE, SIIS and the Turkish think tank TEPAV. The panel discussion will focus on the G20's role in overcoming regional fragmentation.

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T20-Conference Shanghai

DIE, together with Brookings Institution and SIIS, will host a side-conference on the G20's growth agenda at the IMF/World Bank spring meetings in Washington, DC, on 13 April. At the national level, DIE and IfW have invited German think tanks and research organisations for a workshop on 30 March in Berlin where possible activities during the German G20 presidency will be discussed. In order to provide for continuity of the T20 process, DIE closely cooperates with Chinese think tanks, e.g. by participating in past T20 conferences in Beijing, Shenzhen and Shanghai. The link to the preceding Turkish G20 presidency was facilitated by contributing to T20 conferences in Antalya and Ankara and by organising a Berlin workshop with the Turkish think tank TEPAV in November 2015.

In its research and advisory work, DIE will intensify its efforts on the G20, focusing on the contribution of the group to the implementation of Agenda 2030 within their own countries as well as globally. To this end, DIE will expand and deepen its collaboration with interested partners at national and international levels.

For more information on DIE's work on the T20 and G20 process please visit our website special.

2015 Global Go To Think Tank Ranking: DIE strengthens its position among international policy shapers

In January the annual Global Go To Think Tank Index Report compiled by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program of the University of Pennsylvania was introduced at several launch events worldwide, e.g. in Washington D.C., Berlin and Kuala Lumpur. As in previous years, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) scored well in the category Top Think Tanks Worldwide (Non-US). Discounting Germany's political research foundations, DIE and the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) were the only German institutes for research and policy advice to make the Top 30.

SDSN Germany: Topics and Dates 2016

For the Sustainable Development Solutions Network Germany (SDSN Germany), the new year has started with a clear focus on the implementation of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development: in the 11th meeting of the Leadership Council (which was open to all member organisations this time) on 10 February 2016 in Germanwatch's Berlin offices, high-ranking representatives from member organisations demonstrated a strong personal and institutional interest in attaching greatest importance in their institutions' work plans to the implementation of the SDGs and of the Paris Agreement. Moreover, the group agreed upon three focus areas for joint member and partner activities within the network: decarbonisation and coal phase-out; indicator development and assessment tools; consumption and production patterns ("SDGs and business"). The first projects along these lines are already being prepared and can be found on

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2015 Global Go To Think Tank Ranking of the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) der University of Pennsylvania

SDSN Germany's website shortly.

Following the Leadership Council with its Co-Chairs Gesine Schwan and Dirk Messner, the Extended Leadership Council was also reappointed for a new term: its high-level composition remains nearly unchanged, providing an excellent basis for regular exchange with representatives from politics, business and civil society. The next meeting of the Extended Leadership Council on 14 April 2016 will focus on the – hopefully meaningful – role of Germany in implementing the Agenda 2030, as it may be reflected in Germany's participation in the national reviews at the United Nations High Level Political Forum in July 2016 as well as in the German G20 Presidency 2017. Another meeting of the Extended Leadership Council is scheduled for 7 September 2016. The third German SDSN Assembly for members, partners and friends of the network will take place on 3 November 2016.

News in brief

Congress for Progress of North Rhine-Westphalia

At the Fortschrittskongress NRW (Congress for Progress of North Rhine-Westphalia) DIE-Director Dirk Messner presented reform perspectives for the North Rhine-Westphalian economy in the context of global change. He discussed his suggestions with the NRW Minister for Building, Housing, Urban Development and Traffic, Michael Groschek, the NRW Minister for Economy, Energy, Industry, Small and Medium Businesses and the Crafts sector, Garrelt Duin, the NRW Minister for Innovation, Science and Research, Svenja Schulze, and the NRW Minister for Employment, Integration and Social Affairs.

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Speakers at the Congress for Progress

Leadership Meeting

On 26 January 2016 a meeting between the Heads of Departments and leading researchers of the DIE and the Heads of Departments of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) took place to discuss future cooperation and chances to implement the Agenda 2030.

Study: Sustainable development in the German federal states

On 2 January 2016, DIE-Deputy Director Imme Scholz presented the study "Universal Responsibility: the significance of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development of the German federal states" at the invitation of the NRW Minister for Federal and European Affairs and the Media, Franz-Josef Lersch-Mense. Afterwards, she discussed the precise meaning of sustainable development in North Rhine-Westphalia and its municipalities with the Mayor of Solingen, Tim Kurzbach, Member of State Parliament Andrea Asch, Manfred Belle from the One World Net NRW, and Marc-Oliver Pahl from the Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Consumer Protection. Three weeks later, Mrs Scholz took part in a conference titled "The Agenda 2030 in Germany and NRW. Which impulses do the new UN sustainability goals give?" in Haus Villigst to discuss new requirements for the sustainability policy of Germany and North Rhine-Westphalia. The Conference, organized by the Institute for Church and Society, brought together representatives of the state government, the state parliament, science, environmental associations and development organisa-

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Heads of Departments and leading researchers of DIE

Video: Imme Scholz on the Agenda 2030

tions to discuss transformation needs and options in NRW.

Guest researcher at DIE

Dr. Annika Elena Poppe of the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) and coordinator of the research network External Democracy Promotion is spending a two-months-research stay at DIE. She is collaboraing with Julia Leininger and other members of the network on a framework for the networks research on "Conceptualizing Interaction: Democracy Promotion as Negotiation".

News from the Training Department

DIE-Postgraduates participate in field research in Togo and Vietnam

As part of the training of young professionals in international development cooperation, the participants of the Postgraduate Training Programme at the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) have been abroad for their research projects in Vietnam and Togo since mid February. Until the end of April, the 18 participants will conduct research into development and economic issues. „These research-oriented country projects, which develop specific policy recommendations, are the unique selling point of this training", said Regine Mehl, Head of DIE's Postgraduate Programme. The young academics conduct their fieldwork with the guidance of experts from the DIE's staff. The aim is to showcase and study new and innovative aspects of development cooperation and to co-operate on an equal footing with local partners. Together with one of DIE's experts for digital media, Anita Breuer, the participants of the Togo country working group will analyse the implementation of a project on digital participation and good governance by the KfW. In Vietnam, a group led by DIE climate expert Sander Chan concentrates on climate change and the policy of the United Nations. A second team, led by trade experts Dominique Bruhn and Axel Berger looks into the consequences of trade liberalization in the emerging country.

Call for applications for the 52nd Postgraduate Programme

The Postgraduate Training Programme has been hosted by DIE since 1964. It is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Each year the programme's course starts on 1 September in Bonn. The application for the 52nd Postgraduate Programme is currently open. Deadline is 31 March. The course is aimed at postgraduates with EU passports as well as Swiss and Norwegian citizens. Fluency in German (CEFR level C2) is obligatory for all applicants.

MGG alumni meetings and visits at partner institutions

Following the successful conclusion of the 13th Managing Global Governance (MGG) Academy at the DIE in Bonn in November 2015, the year 2016 started with activities in partner countries. By the beginning of March, alumni meetings and talks with partner institutions had been held in three of the six partner countries: Brazil, Indonesia and Mexico. The focus of the alumni meetings, featuring high-level speakers from state and non-state institutions, was on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The alumni meetings on 24 February in Brasilia and on 2 March in Jakarta and Mexico City were met with great interest from MGG alumni and cooperation partners. The Ministry of Environment in Brasilia, the Instituto Mora in Mexico City and the Centre for

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MGG-Alumni meeting in Indonesia

Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Jakarta were the local hosts of the events. Long-standing cooperation with and among these and many other institutions

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For impressions of the field work done by the Postgraduate Training Course please follow us on Twitter: **https://twitter.com/DIE_GDI/lists/lags-postgradprogramm-51**

Application form for the 52th Postgraduate Training Course
(German only)

in the MGG network has manifested itself in joint research, policy dialogues and other network activities. Moreover, partner institutions regularly send young professionals to participate in the MGG Academy.

In addition to the alumni meetings, the MGG contact persons for each country held talks with existing and prospective partner institutions to explore options for future cooperation, again receiving very positive

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MGG-Alumni meeting in Mexico

reactions to the programme. In the coming months, visits to the other partner countries – like China, India and South Africa – will also take place, building upon successful cooperation in previous years. In addition to this, the 14th MGG Academy will start in August in Bonn – 2016 remains an exciting year for MGG!

DIE at International Career Fair: Postgraduate Programme of high interest

One of the best places to learn about career opportunities in international affairs is certainly the annual Career Fair, organised by and held at the German Federal Office (AA) in Berlin. At this year's fair on 23 January the DIE's info booth was crowded with many visitors, mainly post-master juniors who were interested in applying for DIE's Postgraduate Programme. Since the programme has a strong and trustful relationship with German and even some international organisations in the field of global development policy and cooperation, visitors were keen to learn how the programme is structured and why it might be attractive to future employers. Regine Mehl (head of the Postgraduate Programme) and Johannes Blankenbach from the Training department were accompanied by Stefanie Sörensen and Christof Weigelmeier, two alumni of the 50th Postgraduate Programme, who have since been working at the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in Berlin. Stefanie and Christof – in their roles as "original voices" for the course – talked about their experience and in particular about the benefits the programme especially how it can "open doors" in the international development field. For EU residents, younger than 30 and fluent in German (C2) there is still time to apply for the 52nd course until 31 March 2016:
www.die-gdi.de/pgk-bewerbung/

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Staff News

Asian Development Bank President Takehiko Nakao has appointed Ulrich Volz, researcher in the department World Economy and Development Financing at DIE and Senior Lecturer in the SOAS Economics Department, University of London, as one of seven members of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) Advisory Council. The ADBI is based in Toyko. The objectives of ADBI are to identify effective development strategies and to improve the capacity for sound development across Asia.

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Ulrich Volz

Review Events

Religion in the Fourth Wave of Democratization

Constructive, obstructive or destructive? International researchers asked for the role of religious actors in the fourth wave of democratization in societies with Catholic, Protestant, Muslim and Buddhist majorities. The workshop took place on 1 and 2 December 2015 at DIE in Bonn. It is part of

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the project "Religion in the Fourth Wave of democratization" of Julia Leininger (DIE) and Mirjam Künkler (Princeton University) and gathered authors of an edited volume.

Representatives of German think tanks meet in Berlin

January marked the publication of the Global Go To Think Tank Index Report, compiled by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program of the University of Pennsylvania. On the occasion the annual ranking – which aims to acknowledge the important contributions of think tanks to governments and civil societies – a group of 20 high-ranking representatives of German think tanks met at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Berlin to discuss the results. DIE's Deputy Director Imme Scholz was present to discuss the role of think tanks in international democratization processes as well as the situation of German research institutions compared to international colleagues. "Thinks tanks are most effective when their independence is ensured and when publishing uncomfortable results is tolerated", said Scholz with regards to the role of think tanks for politics and civil society. In general these unruly times called for more unconventional and lateral thinking, stated Andreas Kraemer, senior fellow at the IASS Potsdam and co-organizer of the meeting. "The Euro Crisis was a result of circular thinking; the same goes for the belated response to the refugee crisis", stated Kraemer. He added that conventional thinking needs to be questioned more.

In general German think tanks were able to score quite well at this year's Global Go To Think Tank Ranking. The DIE was, among other placements, voted into the Top 30 in the Think Tanks Worldwide (Non-US).

Second German Future Earth Summit

At the second German Future Earth Summit, taking place on 28 and 29 January 2016 in Berlin, DIE was present at two events. Martin Visbeck (GEOMAR), Nils aus dem Moore (Rheinisch-Westfälisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung - RWI) and Imme Scholz (DIE) organised a meeting on questions of human wellbeing and sustainable development measurement and evaluation. Francesco Burchi of the DIE held a much noticed lecture on the question of how the selection of wealth dimensions can be justified. On the second day, Ines Dombrowsky, Head of Department Environmental Policy and Natural Resources Management at DIE, together with the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and the Center for Development Research (ZEF), organised a panel on the topic: "Toward a comprehensive future scenario framework for assessing sustainable development strategies".

How Sustainable is German Foreign Policy?

This lecture series in the Winter Semester 2015/2016, co-organized by DIE and the University of Bonn, ended on 28 January with a lecture of professor Dirk Messner on the role of Germany in global sustainability and security politics. The lecture series was well-attended by 120 international students and others.

Transdisciplinary Insights

On 29 January 2016, the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research (GCR21) hosted a workshop with the title "Scenarios – transdisciplinary insights". Focusing on the question how integrated assessment models and scenario approaches can be systematically linked to theories of social change, the workshop featured guests like Nebojsa Nakicenovic (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria) and Manfred Fischedick (Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy) as well as participants from GCR21 and DIE, including Dirk Messner and Claus Leggewie. The workshop was the first in a series of events held at GCR21 with the goal of developing transdisciplinary insights on scenarios and the future of global cooperation.

Debriefing Workshop on social protection, food security and rural development

On the 15 February 2016, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) hosted a debriefing workshop in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on social protection, food security and rural development.

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The SEWOH-Team at DIE left to right.: Luis Camacho, Francesco Burchi, Merle Kreibaum, Sarah Holzapfel, Waltina Scheumann, Aimée Hampel-Milagrosa, Michael Brüntrup, Lisa Wegner, Heiner Janus, Christoph Strupat

The aim of the workshop was to present the field research conducted by DIE in Ethiopia and Malawi to GIZ colleagues. This research is part of DIE's "SEWOH" research project and funded by the special initiative „One-World without hunger" of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The participants were briefed on existing programmes in the fields of social protection and food security. They were also shown how to combine these programmes in order to improve the food security situation in rural areas of both countries.

For more information on DIE's work on "Food security and agriculte" please consider our website special.

Panel discussion: „Constructive Journalism in International Development Cooperation"

Avid media consumers are by now used to the daily barrage of bad news dominating the headlines on- and offline: war, the refugee crisis, destruction of the environment and the downsides of globalization. Too much of such a negative news diet can make people feel paralyzed and withdrawn, says neuroscientist Maren Urner. On 15 February 2016, she visited the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) with her colleague Han Langeslag to present their media startup "Perspective Daily". The new online magazine wants to establish a new outlet for "constructive journalism" in Germany. Rather than focusing on the negativity of events, they want to go beyond the problems themselves, said Urner about their approach. Their aim is to provide solution-oriented coverage, backed by a close cooperation with scientist and experts in the respective fields. With a crowdfunding campaign running through late March, they want to sign up 12.000 subscribers. That evening at the DIE, they discussed their approach to journalism with DIE Director Dirk Messner and Ute Schaeffer (Deputy Director of the Deutsche Welle Akademie). Topics

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Maren Urner und Han Langeslag

were the affordability of quality content in the digital media and the limits of objective journalism.

The future of EU External Action

On 1 and 2 March, the European Think Tanks Group (ETTG) organised a two-day high-level conference to discuss and reflect upon the EU Global Strategy and related strategy processes against the background of the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development. The objective of the conference was to identify a concrete course of action for EU foreign policy in times of various domestic and ex-

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ternal crises, combining perspectives from foreign and security, development, climate, environment, migration and trade policies. The event contributed to the consultation process on the EU Global Strategy that was launched by the High Representative / Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini in October 2015.

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Ambassador Wolfang Ischinger, chairman of the Munich Security conference, opened the conference with a keynote speech on the EU's role as a global actor. High ranking policy-makers from the EU institutions, various EU member states, as well as opinion leaders from think tanks, NGOs and universities discussed in an informal atmosphere what the priorities for the EU Global Strategy should be and how it could be linked with the 2030 Agenda. Participants argued that global sustainable development must be at the heart of the EU's Global Strategy and foreign policy making to create the conditions for the EU's own security and well-being as much as for sustainable development in other parts of the world.

Peaceland: Why everyday practices hinder the effectiveness of peace missions

The everyday practices of individuals working in peace missions influence the effectiveness of peace missions. This is the central argument of Séverine Autesserre, professor at Columbia University in New York. On 2 March 2016 she presented her book "Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Relations" for the first time in Germany at the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE). The event was organised jointly by DIE and the Bonn International Centre for Conversion (BICC), both members of the Johannes Rau Society. After a short introduction from Tatjana Reiber, senior researcher at DIE, the author explained why everyday practices, habits and narratives are of great importance for effective peacebuilding. In contrast to common explanations, Séverine Autesserre analyses the ineffectiveness of peacebuilding on a micro level. She argues that peacebuilding strategies rarely include local dynamics. Therefore she suggests to rebalance the role of local and thematic knowledge and to break the boundaries between interven-

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left to right: Conrad Schetter, Séverine Autesserre, Tatjana Reiber

ers and local people. In the lively discussion after the talk – moderated by Conrad Schetter, director of the BICC – many questions referred to the methodology of Séverine Autesserres ethnographic research. There was also time to share personal experiences.

Bonn Water Lecture: Water as a Weapon of the Islamic State (IS) – What to do in Syria and Iraq?

On 2 March 2016, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) welcomed Tobias von Lossow, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin, and Bernhard Trautner (DIE) to the Bonn Water Lecture. The critical topic "Water as a Weapon of the Islamic State (IS) on the Euphrates and Tigris – What to do in Syria and Iraq?" drew many visitors to this lecture at DIE.

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Evolution of transboundary politics in the Euphrates-Tigris river system: new perspectives and political challenges

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Trautner, Bernhard

Time for a paradigm shift in policy on Syria and the Middle East?

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International Institute for Applied Systems Analysid (IIASA)

DIE-Director Dirk Messner participated in the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) international consortium research meeting "The world in 2050" in Vienna from 7 to 9 March 2016, aiming at the research of Agenda 2030 implementation. Furthermore, Messner lectured at the Austrian Academy of Sciences about geopolitics and sustainable development.

Upcoming Events

2016 Berlin Conference on Global Environmental Change

On 23 and 24 May, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU), Freie Universität Berlin, organize the 2016 Berlin Conference on Global Environmental Change: Transformative Global Climate Governance "après Paris". The conference invites scholars and practitioners to refocus their quest for answers in the light of the continuity and change that the recently adopted Paris Agreement will bring. It also aims to discuss international climate policy in the larger context of global governance and the transformation towards sustainable development. The conference seeks to build bridges between different academic disciplines and to facilitate exchange between science, policy-makers and practitioners.

Call for Papers: Legitimacy in young democracies

The annual meeting of the working group „Democracy Research" of the Germen Political Science Association (DVPW) on "Legitimacy in young democracies" takes place in cooperation with DIE (contact: Julia Leininger) from 3 to 4 November 2016 in Bonn. Paper proposals are due by 20 April 2016 and can be submitted at demokratieforschung2016@googlegroups.com. Further information is available here.

Deadline for paper abstracts (200 words): 23 March 2016
Submit to: Annabelle.Houdret@die-gdi.de and Waltina.Scheumann@die-gdi.de
Notification of acceptance: 30 March 2016
Final registration deadline: 13 May 2016
Workshop dates: 1-2 June 2016

This year, the Dialogue on Water which has a 20-years long tradition as a platform where science meets practitioners, is jointly organised by the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Public-private partnerships (PPP) in irrigation are perceived by some as a promising option for overcoming under-investment in water infrastructure and for improving irrigation services thus contributing to increased yields and farm income. At the International Dialogue on Water in Agriculture we will discuss whether these objectives are achieved and whether PPPs operate sustainably in relation to the utilization of natural resources.

The International Dialogue aims to come up with a framework for analyzing / assessing the sustainability of PPPs in irrigation, based on a critical review of experiences with PPPs regarding their benefits and risks related to their local socio-economic and environmental impacts.

For further information please refer to:
www.die-gdi.de/en/events/public-private-partnerships-in-irrigation/

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Pro-government militias, human rights abuses and the ambiguous role of foreign aid
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Hackenesch, Christine / Adolf Kloke-Lesch / Svea Koch / Ingeborg Niestroy / Imme Scholz
Towards a "Sustainable Development Union": why the EU must do more to implement the 2030 Agenda
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Discussion Paper

The Discussion Paper are available online on the DIE website. Hard copies can be ordered by mail at a price of 6 €

Draper, Peter / Cynthia Chikura / Heinrich Krogman
Can rules of origin in sub-Saharan Africa be harmonised? A political economy exploration
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