Dear Reader,

2018 has been an eventful and exciting year and now it is drawing to a close. Our new research strategy for the 2018-2024 period came into force right at the turn of the year. Over the past few months, we have been firmly embedding it in our new programmes and clusters, and putting it into practice in research, advisory and training activities. Following Dirk Messner’s decision to leave our Institute at the end of September, I am now carrying on this process in my capacity as Acting Director together with the programme heads.

The new strategy is designed to reflect the potentials and risks harboured by the evolving cooperation between developing, emerging and industrialised countries in terms of tackling the major societal challenges of our time. In addition to traditional intergovernmental cooperation, we are also looking at the potential offered by sub-national and non-governmental – transnational – forms, for instance in climate and environmental policy. When it comes to investigating risks, we are focusing our attention on the causes of social centrifugal forces and their impact on social cohesion and opportunities for collective action, with a particular emphasis on Africa and the Middle East. A key concept in the strategy is the global common good, which we believe should guide international cooperation for development and transformation in the 21st century. This concept implies that national public welfare is now inextricably linked to the provision or safeguarding of global common goods and that improvements at national level must not be pursued neither at the expense of other countries nor future generations nor the earth’s ecosystems. At the same time, this concept helps to engage in new and fresh analysis of politics and processes from this combined perspective, and beyond national borders. Our continuous and intensive investments in joint knowledge creation and networks are one way in which we at the DIE are putting this understanding of cooperation into practice.

I would like to thank you – our partners, friends and former colleagues – for your excellent teamwork, your ideas and suggestions and your critical feedback on our work, from which we can always learn. Most of all, however, I would like to thank you for your interest in the issues and tasks that bring us together. I wish you all an enjoyable end to the year!

Imme Scholz
Cooperation with the University of Bonn

The University of Bonn will become an important partner for DIE: After consultation with our Board of Trustees, our shareholders, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Ministry of Culture and Science of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MKW), have decided to combine the search for a new director with a professorship at the University of Bonn. They convinced Prof. Dr. Michael Hoch, the rector of the University, to engage in this endeavour. DIE is happy to deepen its ties with this excellent university!

In order to prepare the joint advertisement, Dr. Imme Scholz has engaged in a series of meetings with the Rector and Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Hilz of the Faculty of Philosophy and estimates that it will be published in January.

At the same time, the Bonn Alliance for Sustainability Research to which DIE belongs met at the University of Bonn in order to agree joint activities in the context of the Innovation Campus Bonn for Sustainability and Global Change (ICB). Recently, the MKW has announced a funding for ICB with 1.35 million Euro.

In the context of the 200th anniversary of the University, Imme Scholz participated in a panel session on “Germany in a changing world” on 11 October. Together with Prof. Christian Hacke (University Bonn) and Prof. Radermacher (University Ulm), she discussed the international responsibility of Germany and the importance of a closer cooperation within the European Union and rising powers in the G20.

Johannes-Rau-Forschungsgemeinschaft (JRF) at DIE

On 31 October the members of the Johannes-Rau-Forschungsgemeinschaft (Johannes Rau Society) met at DIE for their general assembly. The JRF assembles non-universitarian research institutes that receive institutional funding from the government of North Rhine-Westphalia. Important topics were changes in institutional funding, progress with the regular evaluation of member institutes and the preparations for the celebration of the fifth anniversary of the JRF next April in Düsseldorf. After the general assembly, Imme Scholz gave a short introduction into the work of DIE.

Visit of a delegation of JICA Research Institute at DIE

On 12 November a delegation of the Japan International Cooperation Agency Research Institute (JICA-RI) visited DIE under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Izumi Ohno, the new director. The first part of the visit focused on the preparations for the The Think 20 (T20) under the Japanese presidency of the G20 in 2018/19. T20 is a network of research institutes within the G20 process hat gives evidence-based public policy proposals for the international agenda.

JICA-RI belongs to the group of think tanks that have been trusted with coordinating the Think 20 by the Japanese government and will coordinate the task forces for the 2030 Agenda and for the cooperation with Africa. JICA-RI was very interested in learning from DIE’s own experience. The second
part of the visit focused on debating the research papers of DIE and JICA-RI on South-South Cooperation and the importance of rising powers for international cooperation. Junko Mimaki from JICA-RI, who had participated in the Managing Global Governance Academy 2018 as a guest researcher, also participated in the talks.

**Certification as family-conscious institute: Audit berufundfamilie**

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik received the certification as a family-conscious institute by the audit berufundfamilie now for the third time. The audit berufundfamilie increases the awareness for the opportunities of balancing work and family life at DIE, contributes to a family-friendly culture, and increases the visibility of DIE as an attractive employer.

**Debate in the European Parliament on innovation in development cooperation of the EU**

On 17 and 18 October, the European Think Tanks Group (ETTG) conducted a conference in Brussels on „Innovation in development: the future of EU international cooperation“. In the context of the elections for the European Parliament and a new Commission in 2019, the ETTG discussed with decision-makers of EU institutions and member states, representatives of civil society and academia, how the EU could strengthen its contributions to policies towards the global common good, despite the internal and external challenges it is facing.

The highlight of the event was a panel in the European Parliament with Federica Mogherini, the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Bill Gates and Imme Scholz. Federica Mogherini emphasised that the EU will establish new partnerships with the UN and regional organisations, especially in Africa, to counter the current crisis of effective multilateralism. Bill Gates warned that the progress in development that has been achieved in the last years could only be sustained if the EU and other actors continue to increase their efforts. Imme Scholz stressed that the EU and the European Parliament are indispensable for strengthening international cooperation that aims at making development sustainable, globalisation fair and multilateral order peaceful. The lively debate in a packed hall also emphasised the importance of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals for innovating cooperation with developing countries.

The European Think Tanks Group (ETTG) brings together five leading European think tanks working on international development and humanitarian issues: The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), the Institute of International Affairs / Istituto per Affari Internazionali (IAI), the Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations / Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI).

**ETTG-research conference**

As a continuation of the high-level public debate held at the European Parliament on 17 October, the European Think Tanks Group (ETTG) organised a research conference on 18 October to explore opportunities how the EU could strengthen its contributions to policies towards the global common good. About 100 researchers, civil society actors
and policy-makers from the EU and member states attended the conference. The plenary session focused on the post-Cotonou negotiations and on priorities for a stronger political partnership between Africa and Europe. Different thematic workshops analysed how the EU can contribute to reducing inequalities and make globalisation fair, promote the sustainability revolution or address fragility and peace in Africa. One thematic workshop discussed how to reconcile EU migration policy with efforts to promote human rights and democracy. During this session, panelists underlined how the legitimacy of the EU to support democracy and human rights is under pressure as the European focus on migration is diverting attention from human rights and democracy issues.

Please also visit the ETTG website for additional information: ettg.eu

Ulrich Volz presents findings on “Climate Change and the Cost of Capital in Developing Countries” at COP24

Ulrich Volz, Senior Researcher at the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) had been invited by the Ministers of Finance of the Vulnerable Twenty (V20) Group to participate in a meeting of the V20 Group of Finance at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Katowice. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Brenson Wase, the Minister of Finance and Postal Services of the Marshall Islands and current Chair of the V20. Volz discussed the findings of a report on “Climate Change and the Cost of Capital in Developing Countries”. The report, which was commissioned by UNEP and launched in London in July, represents the first systematic effort to assess the relationship between climate vulnerability, sovereign credit profiles, and the cost of capital in developing countries. The report finds that climate vulnerability has already raised the average cost of debt in a sample of developing countries by 117 basis points. In absolute terms, this translates into USD 40 billion in additional interest payments over the past ten years on government debt alone. Incorporating higher sovereign borrowing rates into the cost of private external debt, the report estimates that climate vulnerability has cost these countries USD 62 billion in higher interest payments across the public and private sectors. The additional interest payments attributable to climate vulnerability are expected to increase to between USD 146 and USD 168 billion over the next decade. Importantly, the research finds that investments in social preparedness can partially mitigate the impacts of climate vulnerability on sovereign borrowing rates by an estimated -0.67% by increasing the social and economic resilience of countries. The findings of the report were already discussed by the V20 Finance Ministers at their meeting in Bali in September and referred to in a resulting V20 Ministerial Communiqué.

News from the projects

Project: Klimalog

Klimalog @COP24

The project Klimalog at DIE, funded by the BMZ, actively engaged in this year’s UN Climate Change Conference in Poland’s Katowice (COP24). Over the period of the conference, project members presented results on the project’s climate policy research, as well as the online data visualisations NDC Explorer and NDC-SDG Connections in the official exhibition area.

The official side event of DIE, together with the Yale University and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam took place on 4 December. Niklas Hoehne (New Climate Institute), Saleem Huq (ICCCAD and IIED), Angel Hsu (Yale University), Pieter Pauw (FS-UNEP
Centre for Climate and Sustainable Energy (CFS) and Clara Brandi (DIE) presented research results on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and discussed policy recommendations on how to make climate action more transparent and ambitious.

Sander Chan, who led an analysis for the „Yearbook of Global Action 2018“ of the Marrakech Partnership, presented findings during a side event at the EU Pavilion on 8 December. Amongst others, he underlined that it is important to look at the efficiency of climate action, to close the North-South gap in climate action, and to strengthen non-state and subnational climate action. On 6 December, Sander Chan already took part in a panel on the IPCC Special Report at the IPCC Pavilion to talk on synergies and trade-offs between the 1.5°C climate goal and sustainable development.

Jointly with the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and in presence of the State Secretary Martin Jäger, the DIE presented the German version of the New Climate Economy Report at the German Pavilion on 12 December. The report shows that we stand at a crossroad to a new economic era, in which economic growth is enabled by fast technical innovation, sustainable infrastructure investments and increasing resource efficiency, in which more efficient and liveable cities, climate friendly, smart and sustainable infrastructure arise. In this scenario the side event underlines that a higher ambitious climate policy - harmonised with the goals of sustainable development – could open new possibilities for development.

On 13 December, Denise Margaret Matias participated in the official side event of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU) on “Climate Policy: Just, in time and people-centred”. Together with Hans Joachim Schellnhuber (PIK), Dirk Messner (UNU-Institute for Environment and Human Security), Psamson Nzioki (Transparency International Kenya) and Christoph Bals (Germanwatch), she discussed whether integrated political action could lead to an effective implementation of NDCs and higher climate ambitions to achieve the Paris Agreement.

Development and Climate Days 2018

The 16th Development and Climate Days (DCDs) took place on the weekend during COP24 in Poland’s Katowice. This year’s DCDs aimed to influence the ‘Ambition-Mechanism’ processes under the UNFCCC – particularly the Talanoa Dialogue and Global Stocktake – and to inform climate action on all levels, looking ahead to 2020. DIE was a host partner of this year’s DCDs and in the lead of theme 4: Financing Adaptation and Managing Risk. In that context, Denise Margaret Matias organised a session on climate risk insurance in cooperation...
with Munich Climate Insurance Initiative, Germanwatch, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and FAO.

The Klimalog project further organised sessions on the potential of non-state actors for climate action, assessed achievements of the Warsaw International Mechanism and desirable future steps, the role of data based research for climate action as well as the potential of dedicated science communication.

**TEDx Talk on climate action: From despair to hope**

Sander Chan, researcher in DIE’s Klimalog project and advocate for a global climate governance, believes in a greener, fairer and resilient future for all. In Bonn’s TEDx Talk he showed not only that many thousand actors are already contributing to climate action but also he encouraged everybody to take part in the movement.

**New data on national climate action plans**

The IPCC special report underscores the importance of achieving the 1.5° climate goal. Guy Cunliffe and Harald Winkler from the Energy Research Center (ERC) at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, conducted a study in which they analysed which countries refer to limiting the global temperature increase in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Their data enriches the NDC Explorer, which is Klimalog’s open accessible online data visualisation, in the new category “Limiting global temperature increase”.

Additionally, Pieter Pauw, head of NDC Explorer at DIE, analysed the NDCs on their references to four out of six focus themes of UN Climate Change Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) following Article 6 of the UN Climate Change Convention. The results can be accessed in the new categories “Education”, “Training”, “Awareness raising” and “Access to information”.

All new data will be additionally accessible in the NDC Partnership Knowledge Portal, which integrated the NDC Explorer data in October.

**Denise Matias Nominated by IPBES**

DIE’s researcher Denise Margaret Matias has been selected to be one of ten fellows participating in the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) with thematic assessment on sustainable use of wild species. The assessment will run from 2018 to 2021, its results will be presented at the IPBES Plenary 9.

**Earth System Governance Conference 2018**

As one of the research organisations in the network of “Earth System Governance”, DIE was co-host of this year’s Utrecht Conference on Earth System Governance, which took place from 5 to 8 November, and leader of the conference stream „adaptiveness, resilience and the transformation of earth system governance“. During the conference, the new Earth System Governance Science and Implementation Plan had been announced. Researchers of DIE actively took part in the conference’s programme with several research papers as well as the associated Winter School.

**Project: Reducing root causes of forced displacement and managing migration**

Work on the UN Global Compact for Migration at DIE

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and
Regular Migration was officially adopted during a UN special summit in Marrakech, Morocco, on 10 and 11 December. The international agreement calls for an encompassing improvement of the living situation of migrants worldwide and has prompted heated debates in Germany and beyond. The team of research project “Reducing root causes of forced displacement and managing migration” at DIE has contributed to the two year-long preparation process for the compact through the publication of several publications and opinion pieces. Furthermore, various presentations were held a.o. during a side event of the UN special summit mentioned above and at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence. In two editions of DIE publication series The Current Column in July and December 2018 Benjamin Schraven and Eva Dick stressed the relevance of the compact both for German migration policies, for example the currently debated “Skilled Labour Immigration Act”, as well as for the global context. Moreover, Dick and Schraven emphasised the significance of regional initiatives in the context of global migration policies. There has been a wide media coverage on the project’s work on the Global Compact for Migration and its implications for related i.a. development policies. Project team members were interviewed and quoted by the Washington Post, Deutsche Welle, Tagesschau.de and other media.

News from SDSN Germany

The joint conference by SDSN and ENoP (European Network of Political Foundations) under the title “The SDGs and the Future of Europe” was initiated and organised by SDSN Germany and took place on 15 October at Deutsche Welle in Bonn. The German Development Institute and the Foundation for International Dialogue of the Savings Bank in Bonn supported the conference financially. Members of both networks as well as experts from academia and policy focused on the question how the SDGs could become integral part of the political agenda in the EU. More than 100 participants from across Europe developed next steps to make the SDGs a core issue of the programmes of the political parties in view of the upcoming European elections in May 2019 and the formation of the next European Commission. A public dialogue at Deutsche Welle followed the conference.

On 16 October the annual SDSN Germany Summit took place in Bonn as well. Representatives from member and partner institutions gathered for this event at Deutsche Welle. The re-elected co-chairs Gesine Schwan (Humboldt Viadrina Governance Platform) and Dirk Messner (United Nations University) pointed out the necessity of perspectives for the future to trigger the profound and disruptive change that is necessary to reach sustainable development. Imme Scholz (DIE) is now member of the newly elected leadership council, as well as Christian Borgemeister (Center for Development Research Bonn), Christa Liedtke (Wuppertal Institute) and Oliver Wieck (International Chamber of Commerce).

Highlight Publications

Germany and the world 2030

What major trends will change Germany and Europe, what can be expected by the year 2030, and what must therefore be on the agenda to give the right answers? The book “Germany and the world 2030: what will change, how we must act” presents relevant scenarios and concrete recommendations by important experts from Germany and the world.

Julia Leininger, head of the programme Transformation of political (dis-)order: Institutions, values & peace, takes a look at the trends on the African continent and explains how German politics can support Africa in the transformation of sustainability. The book, in which the DIE participates as a project partner, unites all major global trends and presents policy recommendations for politics, business and society.
DIE contributes to World Bank flagship report on Poverty and Shared Prosperity

DIE researcher Mario Negre recently co-authored a World Bank flagship report entitled Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2018: Piecing Together the Poverty Puzzle (October 2018). The Poverty and Shared Prosperity series provides a global audience with the latest and most accurate estimates on trends in global poverty and shared prosperity. The 2018 edition – Piecing Together the Poverty Puzzle – broadens the ways we define and measure poverty. It presents a new measure of societal poverty, integrating the absolute concept of extreme poverty and a notion of relative poverty reflecting differences in needs across countries. It introduces a multi-dimensional poverty measure that is anchored on household consumption and the international poverty line of $1.90 per person per day but broadens the measure by including information on access to education and basic infrastructure. Finally, it investigates differences in poverty within households, including by age and gender. This report follows in the footsteps of the 2016 edition with a focus on “Inequality” co-directed by Mario Negre. It has gathered over 270,000 downloads to date.

News from the Training Department

Completion of the MGG Academy 2018 and MGG Alumni Days: The network is growing

Digitalisation, climate change and green transformation, the future of global governance and violent conflicts belong to the topics, the 23 participants of this year’s MGG Academy have been working on intensely. On 30 November, the festive handover of the certificates at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development marked not only the successful completion of the Academy but also the beginning of an active membership in the MGG network.

The integration of “MGG Alumnidays” into this year’s Academy is an innovation. Joint workshops with alumni from various MGG partner countries provided the opportunity to create joint projects for the future alumni work. A special focus was put on the development of the We-Identity of the MGG network: What is the overall purpose of the MGG alumni network, which values guide the network, which specific competencies characterise it and what is the specific contribution the network wants to make?

The participants of the MGG Academy 2018 can now engage in the MGG network with a broader perspective on global challenges, a deeper understanding for different viewpoints and full of motivation: “This is just the beginning”. For some impressions of the MGG Academy 2018 and the MGG Alumnidays please check the Flickr channel of DIE.

Review of the participants of the 54th Postgraduate Training Programme

The 54th course of the Postgraduate Training Programme has started into the research team phase at the beginning of November. Since then, the three teams are passionately working on the topics Cash-for-Work programmes in Jordan, digitalisation and migration in Kenya and recycling and waste-management in Argentina. Our tickets are already booked – we are flying out in February. Already in January, some partners from the three countries are going to visit us at DIE in Bonn. We’re getting excited!

The first drafts of our inception reports are to be finished by Christmas. This is challeng-
ing for us, but a lot of fun at the same time. Finally, our thoughts come to paper!

However, activities for the course as a whole are still taking place. Even after the end of the plenary phase, we are meeting on a regular basis in order to listen to the introductions of our future employers such as KfW, BMZ or PTB, attend quantitative or qualitative method trainings or deal with formulating and structuring texts during a one week writing workshop.

**Staff News**

Salvador Cadete Forquilha, Director of the "Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Económicos" (IESE) based in Maputo (Mozambique), joined the Programme “Transformation of political (dis-)order” for a guest research stay of three weeks in November 2018. IESE and DIE have been cooperating intensively over the last years particularly in the context of the T20 process, as well as in the joint implementation of the research team “The Political Economy of Local Tax Collection in Mozambique” (2017).

The stay gave a great opportunity to finalise ongoing joint projects as well as to discuss and develop ideas for future cooperation. In particular, in the area of local finance, religion, and conflict as well as citizen’s attitudes towards governmental institutions, DIE and IESE plan to deepen their cooperation in the next years.

**Events Review**

**International events on sustainable public procurement**

Sustainable public procurement (SPP) can become a major lever for implementing the 2030 Agenda. Within a current project at the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), potentials and challenges on this way have been identified. In close cooperation with the Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW) and with funds from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the project will run until the end of 2019.

In cooperation with the Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD) and the Cities of Malmö and Bremen, the project team organised three international events in September and October 2018. Dialogue fora in Malmö (24-26 September, focus Latin America) and Bremen (17-19 October, focus Sub-Sahara Africa) gave practitioners from Europe and the Global South the opportunity to exchange experiences regarding SPP implementation and opportunities for effective mutual learning. In addition, from 26-28 September, the scientific workshop „Sustainable Public Procurement - Integrating Research for Successful Implementation” was carried out at Lund University.

**Links**

- Salvador Cadete Forquilha
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Participants of the forum in Malmö
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Project: **Municipalities Promoting and Shaping Sustainable Value Creation (MUPASS)** – Public Procurement as a Tool for Fair and Sustainable Production
From both a practical and a scientific perspective, the events came up with concrete approaches of how to use sustainable public procurement as a key policy tool to help implementing the 2030 Agenda.

**International Conference on Employment Policies in the Middle East and North Africa**

On 21 and 22 September 2018, DIE brought together a group of 24 internationally renowned experts for labour market, structural and social policies to discuss “Employment Creation through Industrial Policy in the MENA (Middle East and North Africa)”. In the introductory speech, Zafiris Tzanntatos (adviser to the ILO and World Bank) emphasised that the current significant lack of productive employment in the MENA region is first of all due to limited momentum in the private sector. Adeel Malik (University of Oxford) and Mark Schiffbauer (World Bank) added that this is partly because governments are hindering competition by giving preferential treatment to certain companies. Amirah El-Haddad (DIE) and Ragui Assaad (University of Minnesota) stressed that too few investments had been made in labour-intensive sectors, while Irmgard Näbler (ILO) highlighted shortcomings in structural change. Nobuya Haraguchi (UNIDO) pointed out that most new jobs are currently being created in young small businesses. Giacomo Luciani (University of Paris) spoke about the potential effects of regional integration, Mona Said (American University in Cairo) on the low participation of women in working life. Mahmood Meskoub (International Institute for Social Studies, Rotterdam) pointed out that even at best, not enough jobs could be created for all unemployed in the MENA region. And Rana Jawad (University of Bath) concluded that social protection systems are needed to compensate for the long-term unemployed in the MENA region.

**DIE participated in UN Day Bonn**

The UN city of Bonn celebrated United Nations Day on 20 October 2018 with a citizens’ fair on the market square. The focus was on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the UN with the 2030 Agenda. Under the motto “Leave no one behind”, various Bonn institutions and organisations in the field of development policy and international cooperation presented themselves and their contribution to achieving the SDGs. The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the German Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN Germany) presented their work at a joint booth. In addition to handing out information on research and networking activities to visitors, DIE offered them the opportunity to express their ideas for the implementation of the sustainability goals in Bonn with a photo statement. Furthermore, the DIE presented itself with its partners from the Bonn Alliance for Sustainability Research at the UN Day Bonn. The regional network showcased its work on “Digitization and Artificial Intelligence”, “Mobility and Migration” as well as on “Bioeconomics”. The network was founded at COP23 in Bonn. It brings together the Institute for Environment and Human Security at the United Nations University (UNU-EHS), the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg (University of Applied Sciences), the Center for Development Research (ZEF) at the University of Bonn and DIE.
**G20 @ 10 conference**

On 23 and 24 October, DIE organised the conference **“The G20 @ 10: Benefits, limitations and the future of global club governance in turbulent times”** together with the renowned partner institutions Chatham House and Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS).

The aim of the conference, ten years after the first G20 summit, was to bring together experts from research institutes, universities, international organisations and G20 governments to reflect on the potential, challenges and future of club governance. The discussion focused not only on global economic issues, but also on the role of club governance formats such as the G20, G7 and BRICS in promoting global, sustainable development. In addition, reform options were discussed that could enhance the effectiveness, inclusiveness and legitimacy of club governance.

A special feature of the conference was the participation of a large number of researchers from developing and emerging countries. The conference benefited from the support of the Managing Global Governance (MGG) programme and the „Fair Globalisation“ research and advisory project, both funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ).

With the conference, DIE was able to build on its successful work in the framework of the Think 20, which had been chaired by the DIE and the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) in the year of the German G20 presidency, and to contribute to a stronger international networking of research on G20 issues.

A summary of the conference was published on DIE’s Future of Globalisation blog.

You may also watch our video “The G20 @ ten: Where is the new frontier in the research on Global Governance?”

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**Expert Meeting on “Social Cash Transfers”**

On 7 November 2018, the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) organised a PEG-Net Expert Meeting on the “Effects of social cash transfers on the different dimensions of poverty” in co-operation with the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI). Daniele Malerba and Christoph Strupat (both DIE) gave a short introductory presentation on “Poverty and cash transfers: what are the current trends?”. After that, four keynote speakers presented the ample evidence that exists today on the multiple positive effects of social cash transfers schemes on health, education, income poverty, equality, nutrition and local economic development: Armando Barrientos (University of Manchester), Francesco Burchi (DIE), Franziska Gassmann (University of Maastricht) and Jacobus de Hoop (UNICEF Office of Research).
Stefanie Ruff (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development/BMZ) opened the second part of the meeting with a presentation on the current role of social cash transfers in the portfolio of German development co-operation. After that, Markus Loewe (DIE) gave a presentation on “What consequences for development policy?” in order to trigger a subsequent panel discussion on the future role of social cash transfers in international development policies. Most participants concluded that international donors should provide more support than in the past to the setting-up of social cash transfer schemes in low and middle income countries.

**Workshop on Digital Transformation**

Bringing together the spheres of education and research on sustainability in its Research and Policy hub Bonn, the DIE’s team on knowledge cooperation organised an experts’ workshop on “Digital Transformation: Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development”. Experts from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe discussed in Bonn on 8 and 9 November 2018 and elaborated joint recommendations on knowledge for sustainable development, research and higher education, with a view to international cooperation. Recommendations aim at decision-makers in higher education and research institutions globally. Digitalisation makes learning content available 24/7 - and this potentially globally. Life-long learning as well as online didactics are thus to be further developed. Higher education needs to foster critical, self-determined actions, not simply how to apply technology. Digitalisation comes with the need to reconsider essentials in education – and it does require investment and political action.

The position paper - compiled by Sven Grimm (DIE) with Michael Hörig and Tobias Wolf (both DAAD) – thus explores some key aspects of digital transformation. Four input papers instructed the discussions, namely on the Indian experiences (as an example for a Southern Power), on African experiences, on industrialised countries, and on digitalisation in fragile contexts.

The seminar was made possible through finance from the Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies (DIES) Programme of DAAD and the German Rectors’ Conference as well as the Managing Global Governance (MGG) Programme of DIE, funded by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

**Workshop on Domestic Revenue Mobilisation**

On 13-14 November 2018, the 7th International Workshop on Domestic Revenue Mobilization took place at DIE, this year with a specific focus on “Taxation, inequality and social cohesion”.

As in previous years, the workshop brought together a mixture of researchers and practitioners representing a variety of institutions actively shaping the international tax agenda. Julia Leininger and Christian von Haldenwang, respectively head and senior researcher of the Programme “Transformation of political (dis-)order” highlighted in
the opening the crucial role that tax revenue plays for addressing inequality. The DIE has recently started a workstream on the links between taxation, social protection and social cohesion within a larger project on social cohesion in Africa. In his keynote address, Logan Wort, Executive Secretary of the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), provided rich insights into the South African experience of developing and strengthening the fiscal contract between state and citizens.

In the subsequent presentations, discussions and panels it became clear that “taxation and inequality” is a multifaceted topic spanning from the local to the international level. Since tax revenue and tax compliance are rather low in many African countries, it is key to understand what drives citizens’ tax morale and preferences. In this context, also a further development of the concept of tax fairness domestically and internationally is required. Several presentations focused on approaches to better estimate and measure tax expenditure, incidence as well as illicit financial flows, as a prerequisite to better inform policy debates.

“Local action in the context of global change: what can Tübingen and Bonn do?”

On 21 November DIE-Acting Director Imme Scholz moderated a panel discussion with the mayors of Bonn, Ashok Sridharan, and Tübingen, Boris Palmer. The event was organised by the Federal Agency for Political Education and the VHS Bonn (Institute for Adult Education). In her introductory statement, she stressed the importance of cities for the implementation of the 17 sustainable development goals, in particular with a view to inclusive cities, transport and participation. The debate in the packed hall focused on the different approaches in both cities for strengthening public transport and public participation in the planning of investment projects.

Workshop: Conceptualising and Measuring Investment Facilitation

In the context of the World Trade Organisation around 70 countries are currently engaged in “Structured Discussions” with the aim of developing multilateral rules for investment facilitation. In general, investment facilitation covers a wide range of...
policy measures, all with the ultimate focus on allowing investments to flow more efficiently and for the greatest benefit of host countries. An international investment facilitation agreement could thus be an important part of an enabling framework to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. In this context, a new project conducted by DIE on “Investment Facilitation for Sustainable Development” aims at contributing to a better conceptualisation and measurement of investment facilitation in particular by developing an Investment Facilitation Index (IFI).

In an expert workshop jointly organised by DIE with the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) in Geneva on 27 November 2018, a first draft of the IFI was presented and discussed with key experts from international organisations and key country delegates participating in the WTO “Structured Discussions” on investment facilitation. Participants did not only highlight the usefulness and timeliness of the research project for ongoing policy-making processes in the WTO, but provided also valuable comments on the further development of the IFI.

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