

Institutions and Sustainable Development through an Interdisciplinary Lens

Symposium to mark the start of the new Master's programme in Development Studies

University of Passau
Faculty of Business Administration and Economics and Faculty of Arts and Humanities
30 October 2015, 9h00 – 19h30
IT-Centre/International House, ITZ/IH (Innstrasse 43)

Programme

9h00 **Welcome and opening remarks**

Ursula Reutner, Vice-President of the University of Passau
Martina Padmanabhan / Michael Grimm

9h30 **Key-note by**

Jean-Philippe Platteau (Université de Namur and University of Oxford)

"Is Islam a special problem?"

Exploring the link between religion, politics and development"

Moderator: Michael Grimm

10h30 **Coffee break**

11h00 **Contributed Papers Session A**, Moderator: Michael Grimm

Alexander Danzer (University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt):

"The impact of a nuclear catastrophe on economic and political preferences –
The case of Chernobyl"

Edward Asiedu (University of Passau):

"Placing the rich and poor in the same box: Field experiments on heterogeneous
benefits and irrigation outcomes in Sissala, Ghana"

Kristina Czura (LMU Munich):

"Do flexible repayment schedules improve the impact of microcredits?"

Evidence from a randomized evaluation in rural India"

Renate Hartwig (University of Passau):

"Effects of Decentralized Health Care Financing on Maternal Care in Indonesia"

13h00 **Lunch**

14h00 **Contributed Papers Session B**, Moderator: Martina Padmanabhan

Elena Gross (University of Bayreuth):

"What does development aid do to productivity in recipient countries?
The role of quantiles and thresholds"

Katharina Werner (University of Passau):

"Can trust survive a violent conflict? -
Evidence from Trust Games in Maluku, Indonesia"

Dieter Neubert (University of Bayreuth):

"Institution building and good governance. Half-truth und simple lessons to learn"

Rüdiger Korff (University of Passau):

"Modernity, Development and global Urban Society"

16h00 **Coffee break**

16h15 **Key-note by**

Wendy Harcourt (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

"Global networking for gender equality and sustainable livelihoods"

Moderator: Martina Padmanabhan

17h00 **Public debate:**

The private sector is the engine of development

Speakers:

Michael Monnerjahn

Manager CRM and Publications, German African Business Association
and

Thorsten Göbel

Head of Policy, Dialogue and Theology, Brot für die Welt

Moderator:

Hans Dembowski

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18h30 **Closing remarks**

Rüdiger Korff

Reception

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