

KIEL-CEPR African Economic Development Conference (AEDC)

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)
Moritz Schularick (Kiel Institute, CEPR)

10:40-11:40

Keynote

**State Capacity and Institutional Experimentation: Uncovering the
Political Mechanisms of Development**
Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton, African School of Economics)
Moderator: Moritz Schularick (Kiel Institute, CEPR)

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 (Stockholm University)
Discussant: Sebastian Jävervall (Kiel Institute)

13:15-14:15

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 (CEPII)

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)

15:45-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-17:00

Parallel Session III
Session A3a: 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) - online

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 (Stockholm University)

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)

17:00-17:45

Policy Deep Dive

Room: Erzberger-Saal

Economic Advice in Politically Challenging Places

Stefan Dercon (Oxford University, 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 (Deutsche Welle)

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)

10:00-10:30

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)

12:00-13:00

Lunch Break

13:00-14:30

Parallel Session V

Session A5: Global Influences

Room: Erzberger-Saal

Private Colonialism in Africa

Etienne Le Rossignol (University of Namur, 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)

Friederike Kärcher (Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development)

Moderator: David Renke (Africa Table)

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