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### RESEARCH AND SCIENCE NEWS

#### Recent Findings

Thanks to the (financial, scientific & technical) support provided by the PEP Network, hundreds of developing country researchers are conducting independent analyses of poverty/economic policy issues, both for and from their home countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Find out about the [most recent findings and recommendations from PEP researchers'](#) analyses to assist in policymaking / program design aimed to address development and poverty issues in their respective countries. For example:

- A simulation analysis to predict how increasing public investment in education will impact poverty in Burkina Faso
- Detailed descriptions of dimensional and regional distribution of poverty in Cameroon, and in Mali
- An explanation of remittance behaviour from overseas workers and their impact on household welfare in the Philippines
- A simulation analysis to determine if, how and under which conditions fiscal policies can induce growth in Bolivia
- Etc.. Find them all [here](#).

#### PEP Network Special Initiatives

- **New:** [Impact Evaluation of an Innovative Program to Improve Sanitation Practices in Rural Mali](#)  
Collaboration: PEP, CEDLAS, UNICEF - funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
Leaders: Maria Laura Alzua, Habiba Djebbari
- **New:** [African Growth Development Policy \(AGRODEP\) Modeling Consortium](#)  
Collaboration: PEP-MPIA Network, IFPRI  
Leaders: Bernard Decaluwé, André Lemelin, Helene Maisonnave, Veronique Robichaud
- **New:** PEP-Africa has been commissioned by UNICEF to conduct special research projects on child welfare and related policies in Africa. The first study is a situational analysis of children in Uganda, and the second examines child social protection and fiscal space in Burkina Faso. The latter will serve as a reference model to expand the initiative in other countries.  
Collaboration: PEP, EPRC (Uganda), UNICEF  
Leaders: Yélé Batana, John Cockburn, Jane Mariara, Helene Maisonnave, Véronique Robichaud, Luca Tiberti
- **New:** PEP-Asia (CBMS Network Office) is collaborating with ILO-Philippines to study child labor conditions using local-level data produced by the PEP Community-Based Monitoring Systems (CBMS)  
Collaboration: PEP-CBMS Network, International Labor Organization (Philippines country office)  
Leader: Celia Reyes
- [Simulating the Distributive Impacts of Different Growth Strategies](#)  
Collaboration: PEP - funded by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)  
Leaders: Vaqar Ahmed (Pakistan), Kevin Z. Chen (China), Angelo Taningco (Philippines)
- [Strengthening the Capacities for Poverty and Social Impact Analysis \(PSIA\) in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)  
Collaboration: PEP-UNDP, funded by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)  
Leader: Jean-Yves Duclos

## TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

\*For general information on PEP schools, training programs and materials, click [here](#)

<p><a href="#">Technical Workshop on the Implementation and Use of Community-Based Monitoring Systems (CBMS)</a> – Institute for Development Policy and Management (IOB), University of Antwerp</p>	Antwerp, Belgium	June 15-16, 2011
<p>Special <a href="#">PEP clinic</a> at the Impact Evaluation Conference 2011 “<a href="#">Mind the Gap: From Evidence to Policy Impact</a>” (IADB)</p>	Cuernavaca, Mexico	June 15-17, 2011
<p>New PEP training program: <a href="#">Intensive Graduate School in Development Economics</a> (Université Laval)</p>	Quebec, Canada	May 28 – June 12, 2011
<p><a href="#">Technical Workshop on Monitoring Household Coping Strategies During Complex Crisis and Recoveries</a> – PEP-CBMS Network, in collaboration with UNDP and UNICEF</p>	Manila, Philippines	March 21-22, 2011

## CONFERENCES

<p><b>COMING:</b> PEP researchers invited to give presentations at the <a href="#">14<sup>th</sup> GTAP Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis</a></p>	Venice, Italy	June 16-18, 2011
<p>Impact Evaluation Conference 2011 “<a href="#">Mind the Gap: From Evidence to Policy Impact</a>” (IADB) – Presentation of recent PEP Impact Evaluations in Latin America at a special session entitled « <a href="#">Providing evidence to influence policy: perspectives and challenges</a> »</p>	Cuernavaca, Mexico	June 15-17, 2011
<p>PEP session at the <a href="#">45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Canadian Economic Association</a></p>	Ottawa, Canada	June 2-5, 2011
<p>“<a href="#">Children and Youth in Crisis Conference</a>” (World Bank, Jacobs Foundation) – presentation of PEP lead researcher</p>	Marbach, Germany	May 5-6, 2011
<p><a href="#">Mini-Conference on Development</a> (CIRPÉE): presentations of PEP researchers</p>	Quebec, Canada	April 29-30, 2011
<p>PEP Policy Conference : <a href="#">Multidimensional Poverty and Living Conditions in Mali</a></p>	Bamako, Mali	April 26, 2011
<p><a href="#">Conference on Infrastructure for Inclusive Growth and Poverty Reduction</a> (ADB) – presentations of PEP researchers</p>	Manila, Philippines	April 14-15, 2011
<p>PEP Policy Conference : <a href="#">Inequality, Poverty and Polarization in Nigeria; Incidence, Causes and Policies</a></p>	Ibadan, Nigeria	March 8, 2011

## PEP NEWS

- The PEP Website homepage has been completely redesigned; [take a look!](#)
- PEP has published its most recent [Internal Monitoring and Evaluation Report](#). Find out how the PEP Network initiatives contribute to the capacity building and career advancement of Southern development experts, as well as to bridging the gap between research and policy for a better account of poverty issues in developing countries.
- **Hot PEPPER:** PEP lead researcher and PIERI network leader, [Habiba Djebbari](#), has received tenure at University Laval (Quebec City, Canada).
- **Hot PEPPER:** [Helene Maisonnave](#) has joined the permanent staff of PEP North America as a [resource person](#) to assist in research projects under the [PEP-Modelling and Policy Impact Analysis](#) (MPIA) program.
- **HotPEPPER:** PEP researcher [Saibal Kar](#) was recently awarded the [Canada-Asia Pacific Award](#), granted by the International Council for Canadian Studies to support scholars in universities or research institutes in the Asia-Pacific Region to undertake short term research, contributing to the understanding of bilateral and multilateral relations between Canada and the countries of the Asia-Pacific Region.
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## Publications

### POLICY BRIEFS

Public Spending in Education and Poverty in Burkina Faso – [Policy Brief 82](#) (French)

Dimensional and Regional Distribution of Multi-Poverty in Cameroon – [Policy Brief 81](#) (English) – [French version](#)

Multidimensional Poverty in Kenya: Analysis of Maternal and Child Wellbeing – [Policy Brief 80](#) (English)

### WORKING PAPERS

- [Overseas Workers, Remittances and Household Welfare in the Philippines](#) – by Jessaine Soraya Sugui & al. (PMMA WP 2011-06)
- [Dynamics of Poverty, Labor Market and Public Policies in Latin America](#) – by Luis Alberto Beccaria & al. (PMMA WP 2011-05)
- [Dépenses publiques d'éducation et pauvreté au Burkina Faso : une approche en Équilibre Général Calculable](#) – by Lacina Balma & al. (MPIA WP 2011-04)
- [Global Financial Crisis: Impacts, Coping Mechanisms and Implications in Tana River, Murang'a, Kilifi and Kisumu in Kenya](#) – by Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo & al. (CBMS WP 2011-02)
- [Dimensional and Regional Distribution of Multi-Poverty in Cameroon](#) – by Paul Ningaye & al. (PMMA WP 2011-01)
- [Assessing the Impact of the Global Financial Crisis in Indonesia: Impact on Households in the CBMS Areas of Kota Pekalongan](#) – by Akhmadi Akhmadi & al. (CBMS WP 2011-01)

### BOOKS

**24 PEP books are made available for download, free of charge, via the PEP website. Find them all [here](#).**

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