



### top stories



#### Women, Children and Climate Change

2018 PEP Policy Forum. Bangalore, India - June 13.

During its 2018 Annual Conference, PEP will organize a high-level policy forum on the theme: **“Women, children and climate change: Designing an economic policy research agenda”**. A series of panel discussions—involving policy actors, development partners and international experts—will aim to identify specific evidence gaps where research can engage with policy to define inclusive solutions for women and children in the face of climate change. [Find out more](#)

#### New Research Director for the PEP Macro-Micro Policy Modelling group

PEP welcomes Professor **Margaret Chitiga**, former PEP researcher and current PEP resource person, as the new Research Director for Macro-Micro Policy Modelling (MPIA). [Find out more.](#)

As she steps down from the role, PEP also thanks **Hélène Maisonnave** for her exceptional contribution to the PEP mission and celebrates her many great accomplishments since 2012. [Find out more.](#)



#### PEP supports international study visits and field visits for PAGE II teams

41 developing country researchers from 23 teams supported under the PAGE II initiative are participating in international study visits, thanks to grants from PEP. These visits provide the selected researchers with valuable personalised support and training from world-leading experts in the specific methodology the team is applying in their PEP-supported research project. [Find out more](#)

#### PEP-CBMS Research Director Celia Reyes appointed President of PIDS

On March 1, 2018, Dr Celia Reyes, PEP Research Director for the Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS), took office as the first female president of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS). This appointment recognizes Dr Reyes' long-term commitment to poverty research and providing evidence for development policymaking. [Find out more](#)



#### One in five PEP projects has a paper published in a peer-reviewed journal

In 2017, papers from 12 PEP-supported projects were published or accepted for publication in international peer-reviewed journals. Five of the accepted papers come from projects conducted in low-income economies, fragile or conflict states. Overall, 1 in 5 projects supported by PEP since 2013 has been published in a scientific journal, and at least a third of these publications were in high-impact journals (that reject up to 95% of submissions). [Find out more](#)

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### current initiatives and collaborations

## PAGE II



#### Policy Analysis on Growth & Employment – 2016-2020

PAGE 2016-2020 is currently supporting 29 projects in 22 developing countries, including 15 low-income economies and fragile or conflict states. New features of this second PAGE initiative include [distance \(online\) training](#) for all members of shortlisted applicant teams, mentoring support in [policy engagement](#), and an [institutionalization project](#) conceptualized through the Macro-Micro Policy Modelling TRG.

Initial findings from the first institutionalization project supported by PEP under the second phase of the PAGE initiative have recently been published. See “policy findings” below.

### policy findings

PEP continually publishes the findings and outcomes of projects led by local research teams in developing countries who have been selected and supported through PEP's various research and capacity building initiatives.

#### Impact of fiscal consolidation on the Mongolian Economy

To avoid an economic crisis, the Mongolian government will receive USD 5.5 billion through an Extended Fund Facility agreement with the International Monetary Fund. However, the government must also cut its expenditures and increase taxes, a process known as “fiscal consolidation”. As the country's economy is highly reliant on the mining sector, a team of local PEP researchers evaluated how fiscal consolidation is likely to impact the Mongolian economy under different international commodity price conditions. Their findings indicate that fiscal consolidation when international commodity prices are low could result in significantly decreased production and GDP. [Download PEP Policy Brief 175](#)



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# conferences

## PEP national policy conferences

Through PEP's Grant Plus support program, local research teams receive support to organize conferences where they communicate and discuss their findings directly with policymakers and other key stakeholders at the national level.

**October 18, 2017 - Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**

### PEP researchers present institutionalization project to policy stakeholders

PEP researchers in Mongolia organized a workshop in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, to introduce the PEP-institutionalization project and the policy issues being analyzed. During the workshop, the team presented the computable general equilibrium (CGE) modelling techniques they are using as well as the application, possibilities and advantages of using CGE models for policy analysis in other areas. The Head of Development Policy and Planning Division of the National Development Agency (NDA) expressed particular interest in the model. [Find out more](#)



## upcoming conferences

**March 5-7, 2018 – Manila, Philippines**

### 14<sup>th</sup> CBMS Philippines National Conference

The annual CBMS-Philippines national conference gathers partners and stakeholders from the national and local government units across the country to discuss current developments, findings, and best practices on the implementation and uses of the community-based monitoring system (CBMS). [Find out more](#)

**June 7-13, 2018 – Bangalore, India**

### 2018 PEP Annual Conference

This year's PEP conference will gather hundreds of participants, including development researchers and leading experts from around the world, to receive or provide training, and to discuss issues, challenges, methodologies and opportunities related to development research, policy analysis and advisory work. [Find out more](#)



## other pep news

**New Applied Development Economics online microprogram begins.** [Read more](#)

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**PEP researcher returns to Université Laval, Canada, for study visit thanks to SRA award.** [Read more](#)

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## related events

PEP also publicizes news and events from the development research community that may be of interest to its members:

Job openings, training or research funding opportunities, calls for papers, international conferences, etc.

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## publications

Published since the November 2017 issue of PEP-talk

## working papers

### A top-down behaviour (TDB) microsimulation toolkit for distributive analysis

By Luca Tiberti (WP 2017-24)

### Diversify more or less? Household resilience and food security in rural Nigeria

By Sènakpon F. A. Dedehouanou, John McPeak (WP 2018-01)

### Food insecurity and family structure in Nigeria

By Nkechi S. Owoo, Elizabeth Bageant, Joanna Upton (WP 2018-02)

### Do safety net transfers improve household diets and reduce undernutrition? Evidence from rural Ethiopia

By Tagel Gebrehiwot, Carolina Castilla (WP 2018-03)

### Locus of Control and Technology Adoption in Africa: Evidence from Ethiopia

By Kibrom A. Abay, Guush Berhane, Garrick Blalock (WP 2018-04)

### Does gender matter in the adoption of sustainable agricultural technologies? A case of push-pull technology in Kenya

By Beatrice W. Muriithi, Gracious M. Diiro, Menale Kassie, Geoffrey Muricho (WP 2018-05)

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## policy briefs

**Policy brief 175**

Impact of fiscal consolidation on the **Mongolian** economy

By Tsolmon Baatarzorig, Nyambaatar Batbayar, Delgermaa Begz, Unurjargal Davaa, Ragchaasuren Galindev, and Oyunzul Tserendorj

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## external publications

**Recent journal publications by PEP grantees** – i.e. based on research conducted with PEP support in developing countries

Title of article	Journal and references (links)	Authors
Addressing Poverty and Gender Inequality through Access to Formal Credit and Enhanced Enterprise Performance in Nigeria: An Empirical Investigation	African Development Review 2017 Volume 29, Issue 4, 691: 56-72 <a href="#">Online</a>	Emmanuel O. Nwosu and Anthony Orji
Nonfarm employment, agricultural intensification, and productivity change: empirical findings from Uganda	Agricultural Economics 2017, Vol 48 (S1), November 2017: 59-72 <a href="#">Online</a>	Mulubrhan Amare and Bekele Shiferaw
Patterns of labor productivity and income diversification – Empirical evidence from Uganda and Nigeria	World Development <i>Forthcoming but available <a href="#">online</a></i>	Abdoulaye I. Djido and Bekele Shiferaw
Spillovers from Off-farm Self-Employment Opportunities in Rural Niger	World Development <i>Forthcoming but available <a href="#">online</a></i>	Sènakpon Dedehouanou, Aichatou Ousseini, Abdoulaziz Laouali Harouna and Jabir Maimounata
New light on the remittances-poverty-health nexus in Macedonia	International Migration <i>Forthcoming but available <a href="#">online</a></i>	Blagica Petreski, Despina Tumanoska, Jorge Dávalos and Marjan Petreski
Land Tenure Policy and Off-farm Employment in Rural China	IZA Journal of Development and Migration <i>Forthcoming</i>	Hongqin Chang, Ping Ai and Yuan Li
Does gender matter in the adoption of sustainable agricultural technologies? A case of push-pull technology in Kenya	Food Security <i>Forthcoming</i>	Beatrice Muriithi, Gracious M. Diiro, Menale Kassie, Geoffrey Muricho

### Recent journal publications by PEP resource persons, staff, and research fellows

Title of article	Journal and references (links)	Authors
US Free Trade Agreements and Enforcement of Labor Law in Latin America	Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society 2018, Volume 57:1, January 2018: 35-56	Sabina Dewan and <a href="#">Lucas Ronconi</a>
A comparative analysis of economies of the French overseas department through the social accounting matrices	Revue d'Economie Régionale et Urbaine n° 1/2018, February 2018: 61-89	<a href="#">Sébastien Mathouraparsad</a> and <a href="#">Bernard Decaluwé</a>
Low world oil prices: A chance to reform fuel subsidies and promote public transport? A case study for South Africa	Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice 2018, Volume 108, February 2018: 45-62	<a href="#">Martin Henseler</a> and <a href="#">Hélène Maisonnave</a>
Intra-household Behavioral Responses to Cash Transfer Programs. Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design	World Development 2018, Volume 103, March 2018: 100-118	<a href="#">Marcelo Bergolo</a> and Estefanía Galván
Child monetary poverty and multidimensional deprivations: Why they differ?	Journal of African Economics <i>Forthcoming</i>	<a href="#">Paola Ballon</a> , <a href="#">John Cockburn</a> , Sylvain Dessy and Setou Diarra
Enforcement Matters: The Effective Regulation of Labor	International Labour Review <i>Forthcoming but available <a href="#">online</a></i>	Ravi Kanbur and <a href="#">Lucas Ronconi</a>



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