How to maximize chances of research uptake

PEP publishes conclusions and recommendations from 2016 Policy Forum

A key event of the 2016 PEP Annual Conference in the Philippines was a special Policy Forum, during which a variety of sectoral research findings and recommendations were presented. The conclusions and recommendations have been compiled and published by PEP.

Find out more about what developing country researchers can do to improve research uptake.

Policy findings from PEP-PAGE projects are being disseminated worldwide

Dozens of local research teams from around the world (Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe) are exploring the public spaces in their home countries – policy conferences, press reports, TV interviews, etc. – to democratize the key findings and related policy implications from research work supported under the PEP-PAGE initiative.

New PEP impact stories

Four new issues of the “PEP impact briefs” series have been recently published, telling the stories of how the research findings and the new expertise of PEP supported local researchers have contributed to inform, and even influence, national policy debates and decisions in:

- Macedonia: The role of remittances in social protection
- Cameroon: How policies to reduce the informal sector do not help alleviate poverty
- Kyrgyzstan: The influence of remittances on youth labor
- Vietnam: Preparing for labor migration as a consequence of trade policies
- Central African Republic: How Chinese investment can provide economic opportunities

Find the full series of PEP impact briefs here.

Policy findings from PEP

Mongolia

PAGE – The impact of vocational training programs on youth unemployment in Mongolia

High levels of unemployment, particularly amongst youth, pose a significant problem in Mongolia. The Mongolian government has introduced active labor market policies to provide training and support for youth, with the aim of reducing unemployment and alleviating poverty in the country. A team of local researchers investigates the effects of Vocational Training Programs (VTP) on earnings, job quality, and the likelihood and duration of youth employment in Mongolia’s capital city, Ulaanbaatar. The researchers find that VTP can be an efficient way to promote employment and increase income for youth in the short term but can be made more effective by providing trainees with general labor market information alongside the training. Find out more in the following PEP publications:

- Project webpage and video | Policy brief 147
- Research team:
- Altantsetseg Batchuluun | Amartuvshin Sanjmyatav | Bayarmaa Dalikov | Soyolmaa Batbakht
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India

PAGE – Intra-household bargaining in rural India

An increasing number of aid policies target women on the basis that bestowig greater decision-making power on women will have positive spillover effects on the wellbeing of the household and society at large. A team of local researchers investigates how policies to reduce the informal sector and support local researchers have been contributing to inform, and even influence, national policy debates and decisions in:

- Kamat Nagarajan | Anirudh Tagat | Hari Nagarajan | Hansika Kapoor | Savita Kulkarni

Macedonia

PAGE – Skills mismatches and unemployment spells: The case of Macedonia’s youth

Despite many labor policies over the past 20 years, the youth unemployment rate in Macedonia remains very high, around 50%. The 2012 School-to-Work transition survey shows that nearly 31% of Macedonia’s youth in employment are either under or over qualified for their job. A team of local researchers investigates whether the fact that the length of unemployment a person experiences has on how suited they are to their eventual position. The researchers find a tremendous discrepancy between the supply and demand in the labor market with many university graduates looking for work while most job creation is for positions requiring only secondary education. Find out more in the following PEP publications:

- Research team:
- Viktoria Atanasova | Branka Haidi-Milosevska | Tijana Angelkova

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 its various research and capacity building initiatives. These projects address a wide range of policy and welfare issues. A few examples from projects supported under the PAGE initiative are provided below, and several more, including Cameroon, Bangladesh, Serbia, Ecuador, and more from Macedonia can be found here: Recent policy findings from PEP-supported projects in developing countries.

- Policy brief 147
- Research team:
- Altantsetseg Batchuluun | Amartuvshin Sanjmyatav | Bayarmaa Dalikov | Soyolmaa Batbakht

Find more policy conferences, press reports, TV interviews, etc. – to democratize the key findings and related policy implications from research work supported under the PEP-PAGE initiative.
Promoting off-farm self-employment for rural development in Nigeria

PEP researchers in Nigeria organized a national policy conference attracting key policy actors and stakeholders from the national government, national and international organizations, academia and the media, to discuss their findings on the impact of off-farm self-employment opportunities and to reflect on the structural transformation of rural areas. A representative of the governmental 3N (Nigerian Nourishing Nigerians) initiative said, during the conference, that the team’s recommendations would be discussed at the ministerial level and inform the 3N Initiative Strategic Plan 2016-2020. Find out more

September 15, 2016 – Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

"Supporting the productive use of remittances for youth entrepreneurship in Kyrgyzstan"

Local PEP researchers in Kyrgyzstan held a policy conference bringing together around 30 key policy actors from the national government, representatives of national and international organizations, as well as academics and journalists to present and discuss their findings on the impact of remittances on the supply of youth labor in the country. The policy actors included representatives from the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Labor and Social Development, and the State Agency of Migration, who agreed with the team’s recommendation to reform education and training programs to reduce the probability that youth become unpaid family workers. Furthermore, the team’s findings and recommendations will be included in a forthcoming report on the national government on migration and youth policy. Find out more

October 4, 2016 – Dakar, Senegal

"Why formulating remittances and migration is important for the Senegalese labor market"

PEP researchers in Senegal organized a national policy conference to discuss their findings on the impact of migration and remittances on labor market participation and human capital development in the country. Among the participants were representatives of government ministries and agencies, the World Bank, national and international organizations, academia and the media, discussing the team’s recommendations. Representatives of DDC’s Direction du Développement Economique et Social, and participating in a production of the team’s recommendations will inform the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy Action Plan for Youth Employment 2016–2020. Find out more

October 12, 2016 – Skopje, Macedonia

"Addressing youth labor market precariousness as an effect of unemployment in Macedonia"

A team of PEP researchers in Macedonia presented their findings on the impact of unemployment spells on labor market scaring amongst the country’s youth at a national policy conference. The event brought together government stakeholders from the national government, international development organizations, foreign embassies and civil society to discuss the team’s recommendations and coordinate resource to improve youth labor market performance. During the conference, it was confirmed that the team’s findings and recommendations will inform the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy Action Plan for Youth Employment 2016–2020. Furthermore, a “Youth Start” program, as recommended by the team, will be implemented by the National Employment Agency from 2017. Find out more

October 26, 2016 – Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

"The vulnerabilities of the mining sector, how to protect the Mongolian economy"

Local PEP researchers in Mongolia held a national policy conference to present and discuss their findings, on the impact of the Mongolian economy on external environment changes relating to the mining sector, to Montolian government stakeholders from the national government, government representatives from state and local government agencies, from academia and the media. Participants included representatives of the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection (MLSP), the National Statistical Office, and a senior Central Bank of Mongolia economist, who was particularly interested in the team’s CGE model as a tool for monetary policy analysis. The Director of the MLSP Research Institute of Labor and Social Protection found the team’s labor and household findings particularly useful and proposed future research collaborations with the team. Find out more

October 27, 2016 – Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

"How vocational training programs can alleviate youth unemployment in Mongolia"

Another team of local PEP researchers in Mongolia presented and discussed their findings and recommendations relating to the impact of vocational training programs (VTP) on youth unemployment at a national policy conference. More than 80 key national and international stakeholders participated in the event, including the Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection (MLSP) who said that the recommendations are well timed as the government is currently considering revising the VTP design. The conference, a national consultant for the VTP redesign stated that the team’s recommendations will be considered during the redesign process. An MLSP representative also said that the team’s findings will inform policymakers to increase youth employment. Find out more

November 8, 2016 – Bangkok, Central Asian Republic

"The treatment of Chinese investment in the CAR: Cotton industry for wellbeing and development"

A team of local PEP researchers in the Central Asian Republic (CAR) held a national policy conference in the capital Bangui to discuss their PEP findings regarding the impact of Chinese investments on the cotton industry in the CAR. In total, the event attracted over 350 participants, including high-level government officials, such as the national minister responsible for investment, attending as the representative of the President, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Economic Planning and the Ministry of Defense. With such an audience, the event naturally benefited from international media coverage, resulting in the team’s findings and recommendations being broadcast widely on national radio and TV channels. Find out more

November 18, 2016 – Guayaquil, Ecuador

"How the Ecuadorian government can increase wages and reduce inequality"

Local PEP researchers in Ecuador presented their findings and recommendations on the impact of the country’s minimum wage policy on a national policy conference they organized in Guayaquil. As well as an introductory talk for the team to present their research to 35 key stakeholders, the event included a panel discussion featuring representatives of three central actors: the national government (Ministry of Labor), employers federation (Confederación de Empresarios del Ecual del Trabajo) and labor unions (National Union of Remunerated Domestic Workers). The findings and recommendations were shared not only with the stakeholders in attendance but also the population of large towns across the country. Find out more
International conference presentations
In acknowledgment of their expertise, many PEP researchers are also invited to present their work at international academic and policy conferences around the world. When needed, PEP awards special grants to support their travel and participation.

Since the last issue of the PEP talk, findings from PEP-supported research were presented at the following international events:

- Rural Transformation, Agriculture and Food System Transition Conference in Italy, September 19-20
- 5th International Conference of the African Association of Agricultural Economists in Ethiopia, September 23-26
- ARISE Conference on Family Farming and Child Labour in Brazil, August 18
- Employment and Foreign Trade Conference in Bolivia, July 26

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working papers

Unemployment spell and vertical skills mismatches: The case of Macedonia’s youth By Viktoria Atanasovska, Tjarna Angeljkovska, Jorge Davalos (WP 2016-18)

Trade liberalization and employment effects in Indian manufacturing: An empirical assessment By Sunthi Roju, Bikas Roy Choudhuri, Mridula Savitri Mishra (WP 2016-19)

An experimental investigation of intrahousehold resource allocation in rural India By Anuruddha Tagat, Hansika Kapoor, Savita Kulkarni (WP 2016-11)

Randomized Evaluation of the Unconditional Cash Transfer Scheme for the Elderly in Ekiti State Nigeria By Dominikio Olajide, Maria Laura Atzuo, Ana Dammert (WP 2016-21)

Beyond technical skills: The impact of credit counseling on the entrepreneurial behaviour of Ugandan youth By Juliet Hassel Stekendi, Benjammin Kachero, Daniel Joloba, Samuel Galiwango, Zafrul Student (WP 2016-22)

Labor-market scars when youth unemployment is extremely high: Evidence from Macedonia By Matjan Petreski, Nikica Majojska-Brazelvi and Marcelo Bèrgolo (WP 2016-23)

Preference for women but less preference for indigenous women: A lab experiment of loan discrimination in a developing economy By Gabriela Aguilera Izarazu, Andrea Rojas Hossie, Patricia Araneda, Rolandio Gonzalez (WP 2016-24)

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Policy brief 190 reducing child poverty in Serbia: cash transfers or work incentives? By Marka Vladojevic, Jelena Zarkovic Rasic, Sasa Randjelovic, Gorana Kristic and Aleksandra Antić

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Policy brief 146 Intra-household bargaining in rural India By Anuruddha Tagat, Hansika Kapoor and Savita Kulkarni

Policy brief 145 Impact of the exploitation of labor on the conditions of life of populations in Burkina Faso By Agnès Zabsonré, Dommèbèiwin Juste Mètoiolè Sorom, Ilene Hithi and Maxime Agbo

Policy brief 144 Exploitation pétrilolare, pauvreté et inégalités au Tchad By Kane Giles Quentin, Gibétoron Naidege Djouar, Gadam Sid-Gadam and Arminda Kouftouchou Kouftouchou

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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

Education Language and Youth Entrepreneurship in Chad Journal of Development Studies Forthcoming but available online Yogo Urban Thiamy, Maryalaye Doumboulet and Abdelkrim Anar

Labor-Market Scars When Youth Unemployment is Extremely High: Evidence from Macedonia Eastern European Economics Forthcoming Matjan Petreski, Nikica Majojska-Brazelvi and Marcelo Bèrgolo

Recent journal publications by PEP resource persons and staff

Title of article Journal and references (links) Authors

Food price changes and household welfare: what do we learn from two different approaches? Journal of Development Studies Forthcoming Luca Tiberi and Marco Tiberi

Economic Development and Cultural Change Forthcoming Online Jean-Yves Duclos, Luca Tiberi and Abdelkrim Anar


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Several other conferences have been or will be held in November and December: Burkina Faso, Bolivia, Chad, Serbia, Bangladesh, etc. These will be reported on the PEP website shortly and feature in the next issue of the PEP talk.