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**Special greetings and announcements**

**Happy New Year 2014 !!**

At the onset of 2014, the PEP team sends to all the network's members and friends its warmest greetings and best wishes for the coming year. We also take the opportunity to thank you for your continued interest and participation in the fulfillment of the PEP mission.



See the most recent item of the **PEP-PAGE video series**, describing one of the projects currently being supported under the PEP research and capacity building program initiative for **Policy Analysis on Growth and Employment, PAGE** :

**Assessing the impacts of vocational training programs on youth unemployment in Mongolia** [CLICK HERE](#) to find out all about this project and watch the clip

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**policy findings**

Every month, PEP publishes the findings and outcomes of projects that were selected and supported through previous calls for proposals. These projects address a wide range of policy and welfare issues in various countries. A few examples are provided below, but **more can be found here: [Recent policy findings from PEP researchers in developing countries](#)**

**Uganda**

[More about the PSIA initiative](#)

**PSIA - Universal Primary Education in Uganda : Equity of opportunities and human capital investment**

[Working paper](#)



As part of the PEP-UNDP Poverty and Social Impact Analysis (PSIA) initiative, this project sought to assess the effectiveness and progressivity of Uganda's Universal Primary Education (UPE) program since it was first introduced in 1997, by examining factors driving primary school attendance, grade delay and drop out trends for children between the ages of 6 and 12, over the past two decades. The researchers' findings reveal that primary school attendance has been progressive over time and, in recent years, pro-poor, in the sense that the poorest people have been its major beneficiaries. However, both demand and supply-side factors affecting the provision and use of primary education still stand in the way of achieving optimal and equitable participation from UPE. Find out more about the researchers' findings and ensuing policy recommendations through the following [PEP working paper](#)

Research team: [Sebastian Levine](#) | [James Muwonge](#) | [Joseph Enyimu](#) | [Juliet Nassozi Ssekandi](#) | [Maximus Ochai](#)

**Armenia**

[More about the PSIA initiative](#)

**EU-Armenia trade liberalization: A "Poverty and Social Impact Analysis" (PSIA)**

[Working paper](#)



Part of the PEP-UNDP "Poverty and Social Impact Analysis" (PSIA) initiative, this study set out to analyze the socioeconomic impact of increased trade liberalization between Armenia and the EU within the framework of Eastern Partnership initiative. In addition to a quantitative assessment of the potential impact of trade liberalization on the economic situation and poverty in Armenia, the study involves evaluations of existing foreign trade regimes and regulatory systems. Results of the analysis reveal that a simple free trade agreement or tariff liberalization will not result in significant socioeconomic benefits for Armenia. The researchers conclude that immediate priority, in terms of policymaking, should move away from trade liberalization and towards industrial development. Find out more through the following [PEP working paper](#)

Research team: [Armen Grigorian](#) | [Karine Harutyunyan](#) | [Mushegh Tumasyan](#)

**China**

**The impacts of "Land of Love, Water Cellar for Mothers" in Western China**

[Working paper](#)



In Western China, and particularly in the poverty- and drought-stricken countryside of the region, women have been left as the main workforce, whilst the male labourers have flock to cities as a result of China's social transformation. A project called "Land of Love, Water Cellar for Mothers" was launched and implemented in order to address the comparatively serious water scarcity in these areas. In this study, a group of local PEP-supported researchers aim to assess the impacts of this water cellar project on the welfare of the affected populations. Two waves of a household survey: one prior to installation of one of a water storage facility, or "water cellar", and a second wave after installation, to assess not only the effects on poverty, but also the transmission channels. The results show that these effects include not only the increase of household incomes, but also significant increases in women's labour supply. Find out more through the following [PEP working paper](#)

Research team: [Liquo Lin](#) | [Di Zhao](#) | [Lan Yao](#) | [Quansheng Yu](#) | [Xin Yu](#)

**CBMS-Philippines**

**The impact of natural disaster on income and poverty: framework and some evidence from Philippine households**

[This article will be featured in the January issue of the CBMS Newsletter – find it here](#)



Although understanding the impact of natural disasters on income and poverty at the household level is important for disaster prone and poverty-stricken countries, empirical works on the subject have been limited so far. A major reason behind this is that standard national household surveys generally do not include the collection of data and information on natural disasters. In the Philippines, however, the Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) Household Profile Survey has started to include such data amongst those that it collects and monitors. This has enabled CBMS local researchers to produce a framework for analyzing the impact of natural disasters on household income and poverty, as well as to provide an empirical estimation of the actual effects of such disasters on household income using 2011 CBMS data for Pasay City, Metro Manila. The resulting information on specific losses of household incomes due to natural disasters is meant to assist government in deciding more accurately the level of funding to be allocated for short-term disaster relief and long-term rehabilitation. [Find out more through the January issue of the CBMS Newsletter](#)

Authors: [Danilo C. Israel](#) | [Roehlano R. Briones](#)

Through its manifold « Grant plus » support program, PEP promotes the mobilization and expertise of local researchers in key **national and international research initiatives**. These special, often large-scale projects – usually focused on emerging development policy issues – are conducted either through joint research initiatives, in collaboration with specific donors and/or as commissioned studies deputed by international institutions calling on PEP's extensive experience to provide scientific support and coordinate activities.

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out about those ongoing initiatives through which PEP is currently supporting research in developing countries.

## training and workshops

As the core component of PEP's mission has always been to build/strengthen local research capacities in the South, the organization of intensive training workshops has been part of its regular set of activities since its creation in 2002.

"PEP Schools" offer personalized training, provided by world leading experts, in a variety of cutting-edge research methodologies, tools and concepts of development economics, to help local researchers in developing countries contribute to the design of effective national growth and poverty reduction strategies.



### Forthcoming PEP schools and training workshops

### Location

### Dates

PEP-CRES School, offering two distinct training workshops - **IN FRENCH**

- [Impact evaluation using experimental and non-experimental approaches](#), June 9-17
- [Modeling the impacts of macro policies and shocks](#), June 9-20

Dakar, Senegal

June 9-20, 2014

Registrations are ongoing

## conferences



**January 28-30, 2014 – Dakar, Senegal**

**PEP selected by IDRC to host an international conference on Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa (YESSA)**

The PEP African Office/team, based in Dakar (Senegal), was selected - amongst several contending institutions - by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) to host the upcoming international conference on Youth and Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa (YESSA) at the end of January 2014.

[Find out more about this upcoming event...](#)

**March 24-26, 2014 – Manila, Philippines**

**10<sup>th</sup> CBMS Philippines National Conference**

This annual event is a gathering of key officials and representatives of national government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations and development partner agencies, to discuss recent developments on the implementation and uses of the [community-based monitoring systems \(CBMS\)](#) in the Philippines. This year's conference, in particular, will engage discussions related to the uses of CBMS for budgeting, disaster risk reduction and management, local governance, vulnerability mapping, program design/targeting and impact monitoring, among others. [Find out more about this event...](#)



## pep news

**New contributions from PEP resource persons to the international modeling community:** Development of new matrix-adjustment tools for CGE modeling. [Read more...](#)

**Now accepting entries for the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the CBMS-Philippines Special Awards for LGUs,** to be presented during the 10<sup>th</sup> CBMS National Conference. [Read more...](#)

**Following up on PEP researchers' achievements:** Benjamin Fomba at CAMES. [Read more...](#)

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## Related Events

PEP also publicizes news and events from the development research community that may be of interest for its members. Job openings, training or research funding opportunities, calls for contributions, international conferences, etc..

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This month, find out about current opportunities offered by **GTAP**, the **CEA** and the **ASE**...

## publications

### external publications

These are the most recent publications of PEP researchers (based on PEP-supported projects) in peer-reviewed journals.

Title	Journal and references (link)	Authors
Impact of Equivalence Scales on the Spatial Distribution of Poverty in Cameroon: A Dynamic Approach	The Journal of Developing Areas Volume 48, No. 1, Winter 2014 <a href="#">Now online</a>	Luc Nembot Ndeffo, Ngangue Ngwen Pierre Joubert Nguetse Tegoum Cyrille Bergaly Kamdem Marianne Makoudem Tene
Who Benefits from Spending on Water and Electricity in Nigeria?: A Benefit Incidence Analysis	The Journal of Developing Areas Volume 48, No. 1, Winter 2014 <a href="#">Now online</a>	Reuben Adeolu Alabi Oshobugie Ojor Admas

Find more of PEP researchers' external publications [here](#)

### working papers

The following section lists all new papers published by PEP since the last issue of the PEP-talk in November 2013

**PSIA - Uganda Primary Education in Uganda: Equity of opportunities and human capital investment**

By Sebastian Levine, Jean-Yves Duclos, Angela Kiconco, Alex Warren Rodriguez, Albert Musisi and Joseph Enyimu (WP 2013-17)

**The impacts of "Land of Love, Water Cellar for Mothers" in Western China**

By Ligu Lin (WP 2013-16)

**EU-Armenia trade liberalization: A poverty and social impact analysis**

By Armen Grigorian, Karine Harutyunyan, Yelena Manukyan and Mushegh Tumasyan (WP 2013-15)

**Évaluation de l'impact des programmes de cantines scolaires sur l'efficacité interne des écoles, les acquisitions cognitives et les capacités d'apprentissage des élèves dans les écoles primaires rurales au Sénégal**

*Assessing the impact of school canteen programs in primary schools in rural Senegal (PAPER IN FRENCH)*

By Abdoulaye Diagne, Ousmane Sokhna, Fatoumata L. Diallo and Mouhamadou Moustapha LO (WP 2013-14)

Find all PEP working papers [here](#) and all PEP policy briefs [here](#)

## books

**Infrastructure and Economic Growth in Asia**

Edited by John Cockburn, Yazid Dissou, Jean-Yves Duclos and Luca Tiberti

PEP has published several books and other collective works, all available for download, free of charge, on the PEP website.

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