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DEAR MEMBERS OF THE EADI SOCIAL  
PROTECTION WORKING GROUP,

This is the **16<sup>th</sup> edition** of our Social Protection Brief. On the left-hand side you can find a short list of the sections included.

Best Regards,  
Christian

PUBLICATIONS

[Is biometric technology in social protection programmes illegal or arbitrary? An analysis of privacy and data protection](#) by Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona

This paper seeks to guide social protection practitioners as they respond to critical questions for programme design and implementation, such as: what data should be collected? How do we ensure data will be lawfully processed? What data should or should not be shared, and with whom? What data should be retained? For how long and in what manner? Who is responsible for the data a programme processes? What are data subjects' rights?

The paper focuses on non-contributory social protection programmes, particularly those that use biometric technologies. This focus is particularly relevant when private companies and donor agencies pressure programmes to use biometric technology. Technology use increases the risks beneficiaries as well as society face and underlines the importance of adopting explicit programme regulations to prevent, protect and redress potential breaches.



[Sustainably financing social protection floors. Toward a Permanent Role in National Development Planning and Taxation](#) Discussion paper by Barry Herman published by: Brot für die Welt/Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors, Berlin 2018

Social protection systems must be fiscally sustainable to provide all residents with adequate social protection in all situations over the life cycle that pose a risk to livelihood security. The publication reviews the main sources and techniques, domestic and international, for mobilizing the necessary public resources to cover the cost of social protection floors.



## EXPERT COMMENTARY

[Expert Commentary — Overcoming Precarity and Ensuring Social Protection: What Role for SSE?](#) by Ibrahim Saïd

Social and solidarity economy (SSE) has received increased attention in recent years as a way to facilitate access to social protection, bolstered by the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. In this expert commentary on the Social Protection and Human Rights Platform, Ibrahim Saïd explores the transformative potential of SSE as well as apparent tensions.

## WORKING GROUP MEMBER NEWS

### NORTH-SOUTH UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS IN SOCIAL PROTECTION CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

As social protection programmes scale up from pilot projects to nationwide programmes, the Global-South recognizes the need to build the requisite competencies and skills to enable the successful implementation of social protection interventions. In the framework of the EU social protection programme, the University of Zambia, Universities in Tanzania and Finland as well as the Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences joined forces to advance curriculum development in the area of social protection. After meetings in Finland, Zambia and Tanzania, the last round of discussions took place in Bonn.



Colleagues from the Moshi Co-operative University in Tanzania, Dar-es-Salaam Social Protection Institute in Tanzania, Tengeru Institute of Community Development in Tanzania, Institute of Financial Management in Tanzania and University of Zambia came to Germany from the 4th to 14th of September 2018. The delegation engaged with different lecturers, observed seminars in the master's programme on social protection and got exposed to the learning platform, the evaluation system, innovative pedagogical approaches as well as the center for science and technology transfer.

One essential part of the study visit was the review of the respective curricula that the different institutions designed in the area of social protection. All partners provided critical comments and feedback and also discussed area of further collaboration when the EU social protection programme comes to an end.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 7 Nov 2018

#### [Expert meeting on the “Effects of social cash transfers”](#)

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) invites to an expert meeting on the “Effects of social cash transfers on the different dimensions of poverty (income, education, health, nutrition and other)” on 7 November 2018, 14.00-17.30h, organised with the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) and the Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet). The meeting is meant to (i) provide participants with an overview on the existing empirical evidence with regards to the effects of different kinds of social cash transfers schemes on the multiple dimensions of poverty, (ii) analyse which kinds of social cash transfer schemes are best at reducing different dimensions of poverty and (iii) discuss what this means for future policy making. Confirmed speakers include Armando Barrientos (University of Manchester), Franziska Gassmann (University of Maastricht) and Jacobus de Hoop (UNICEF Office of Research) in addition to Francesco Burchi, Markus Loewe, Daniele Malerba and Christoph Strupat from DIE. On the [DIE website](#), you can find [more details including a programme of the event](#).

If you are interested to attend the expert meeting, please send an e-mail to: [markus.loewe@die-gdi.de](mailto:markus.loewe@die-gdi.de) before 22 October 2018.

### 7 Nov 2018

#### [Roundtable: Engines of Inequality? Elites, Power and Politics](#)

Today, the richest 1% of the population holds half of the world’s wealth. How did we arrive at this alarming state of affairs? What kinds of fractures has this extreme concentration of wealth wrought, be they economic, political, cultural, social, spatial, or environmental? What space is there for progressive change in a context where those in power act to preserve the systems from which they benefit?

The roundtable, hosted by UNRISD and the University of Geneva, will bring together thought leaders, influencers and advocates for change to discuss the growing influence of elite power and the deepening of global inequalities, and what can be done to counteract these trends. [Stay tuned](#) for the announcement of the exciting line-up of speakers!

**8-9 Nov 2018**

[Conference: Overcoming Inequalities in a Fractured World: Between Elite Power and Social Mobilization](#)

UNRISD is pleased to announce that registration is now open for its 2018 international conference [Overcoming Inequalities in a Fractured World: Between Elite Power and Social Mobilization](#).

Through an extremely well received [Call for Papers](#) UNRISD has put together a collection of cutting-edge panels. The conference will critically explore the political drivers which have contributed to the immense wealth disparities we witness today, as well as emerging pathways to transformative change and more equitable societies. In a unique departure for UN initiatives on inequalities, the UNRISD conference will shine a spotlight on inequality not only as it affects the “bottom of the pyramid”, but also in relation to elite power and all its ramifications.

Registration is free and can be [accessed here](#).

## PAST EVENT

### TYING THE DIGITAL KNOTS

On the 14th of September 2018, the Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences in conjunction with GIZ and DFID hosted the Tying the Digital Knots conference on the potential of digitalisation in social protection interventions. The conference brought together people from both developed and developing country contexts to share their experiences and practices. The various presentations and contributions first set a common conceptual ground of what integrated information management in social protection entails. They familiarized participants with some of the latest technological innovations like Blockchain, open software solutions, the integration of GIS data as well as forecasting models and also critically discussed how integrated data management can become a reality in low and middle income countries. Critical questions around data protection and data quality were raised and DFID, GIZ and the World Bank committed themselves at the end towards taking the agenda forward.



The Tying the Digital Knots conference demonstrated that there is no one size fit all approach, but rather, there is a need for constant engagement in areas of technology to advance and improve how social protection interventions are delivered around the world.