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DEAR MEMBERS OF THE EADI SOCIAL
PROTECTION WORKING GROUP,

This is the **18th 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

[Social Protection ›Soft Law](#) by Markus Kaltenborn (Full article is in German)

The Social Protection Floor Recommendation No. 202 of the International Labour Organization (ILO) has been an important step towards the global implementation of the right to social security. Even though it is ›only‹ a soft law document, it has become the definitive reference framework for global social policy. At the same time, the recommendation confirms the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' (CESCR) assessment of the core obligations that states must observe as minimum standards of social security. There is therefore much to suggest that the obligation to provide a Social Protection Floor has now been accepted by the international community as binding under international law.

WORKING GROUP MEMBER NEWS

[John Abebrese Boateng](#) presented a paper on monitoring health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); the case of Ghana at a Regional Workshop on Health-Related SDGs in Dakar, Senegal . This was part of a pilot study conducted in Senegal, Burkina Faso and Ghana and is expected to provide benchmarks for measuring and monitoring progress on health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The project was initiated by the West Africa Health Organisation (WAHO) and the Senegalese Agricultural and Rural Foresight Initiative (IPAR) and financed by International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

The study specifically sets out to a) examine the availability of data for the indicators of health-related Sustainable Development Goals; b) assess the extent to which SDG targets are aligned with national framework targets; c) suggest approaches to improve national monitoring of identified indicators. The study provided baseline values for 17 out of the 43 health-related SDG indicators which serve as a reference point for tracking progress towards achieving the health-related SDGs. The study further indicated that for Ghana to have a timelier, frequent and disaggregated data, its administrative data system needs to be strengthened. The study is expected to be disseminated through policy brief, and possibly a journal article.

[Lorena Ossio](#) has set up a blog on on the topic 'Social Welfare in the Global South" – Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe': <https://southwelfare.hypotheses.org/> based on former activities of the ZiF Research Project Understanding Southern Welfare - Ideational and Historical Foundations of Social Policies in Brazil, India, China and South Africa - 2018 (organised by the Convenors Ulrike Davy and Lutz Leisering) and on future collaborations in this field. The blog serves as a forum for the academic exchange particularly between research groups and researchers from the Global South and Europe on these issues.

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OPINION PIECE

[Data Protection is Social Protection](#), Apr 16, 2019 by Magdalena Sepúlveda

Social-protection programs are supposed to do just what the name implies: protect those segments of society that are most in need. Demanding that beneficiaries effectively renounce their rights to personal privacy and data protection, as many governments are doing, amounts to just the opposite.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Pegnet Conference 2019 - Promoting social, economic and socio-political development through social protection, 9-10 September, 2019](#)

Conference Theme

Social protection is a key instrument for fostering social, economic and political development. It is well established that it is not only essential for the reduction of vulnerability, income poverty and income inequality but also for the promotion of human development as it facilitates access to education, health care, nutrition, housing and reduces gender disparities. In recent years, there has been a growing consensus that social protection is also an important requirement for fostering economic growth, social cohesion and political stability. Moreover, social protection can be a useful instrument for climate change adaptation.

The plenary sessions at the PEGNet Conference 2019 will discuss social protection and seek to provide answers to questions such as:

- Which social protection schemes can best achieve the social, political and economic effects mentioned above?
- What factors may prevent or promote the implementation of social protection reforms that would be needed to achieve the SDG's?
- What are the impacts of socioeconomic factors, political institutions, or prevailing societal norms and values on the political feasibility of reforms in social protection?
- How do different social protection schemes affect one another? How should they be combined with other social and economic policies to maximise synergies, efficiency and effectiveness?

Keynote Speakers

- Stefan Dercon (Blavatnik School of Government and the University of Oxford)
- Saweda Liverpool-Tasie (Michigan State University)

Conference format

The PEGNet Conference 2019 will provide a platform for leading development scholars, practitioners and policy-makers to reflect on relevant topics in the field of development economics. In addition to

high-level dialogue and exchange of ideas, the two conference days will feature parallel sessions based on invited and contributed papers. For more information on the PEGNet conference, please refer to <https://pegnet.ifw-kiel.de>.

Call for Papers – Session ‘Emerging Socio-Demographic Transitions: New Challenges for Latin American Social Protection’

IV ISA Forum of Sociology RC19 Sociology of Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy

14-18 July 2020, Porto Alegre, Brazil

DEADLINE for abstracts: September 30, 2019

Language: English and Spanish

The Session explores impacts and challenges of recent socio-demographic transitions in Latin America (e.g. international migration, ageing of the population, and the consolidation of female's incorporation in the labour market) for developing inclusive social protection systems in the region. Either empirical or theoretical papers addressing health care, old-age pensions, and poverty alleviation policies from a comparative perspective, as well as cross-sectoral experiences (e.g. health in all policies and programmes for child protection), are especially welcome. Even so, the session also welcomes papers devoted to other social policy sectors and labour market policies. More information on the section can be found here: <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020/guidelines-for-presenters-2020>

Abstracts can be submitted either in English or Spanish, **Grants application deadline: January 31, 2020**, 24:00 GMT, Applications for registration grants should be submitted to Program Coordinators by January 31, 2020. For more details, see <https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2020/registration-grants-2020>

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