

Dear Reader,

100 years ago, the International Labour Organization (ILO) was founded as part of the Treaty of Versailles. Back then, it was primarily concerned with improving the working conditions of industrial workers. Nowadays there are different challenges – such as digitalisation and informal working relationships within the so-called gig economy. To address these new issues, the ILO set up the Global Commission on the Future of Work. On January 22nd, the Commission released its final report. For an appraisal of the report, read our latest **Global Governance Spotlight**.

At our next **sef: Policy Lunch** in Brussels on February 26th, we will discuss the implications of the report for European policymaking. Find out more about this and other current projects in this newsletter!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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• **Governing the Future of Work. The ILO Report's Implications for the EU**

sef: Policy Lunch
26 February 2019, Brussels

The ILO Global Commission on the Future of Work published its final report on 22 January 2019. While presenting trends and solutions for a broad range of issues from skills mismatch to informality and digitalisation, the report also discusses elements of future regional and global governance. The **sef: Policy Lunch** looks at the findings of the report from a European perspective. **Register now!**



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• Elections in the Social Media Age. Free and fair – or a manipulation free-for-all?

Public Evening Event

19 March 2019, 19:00hrs, Frauenkirche Dresden

Free and fair elections are a constitutive element of any modern democracy and are essential for sustainable development. But what does “free and fair” mean in the social media age? This question will be discussed on 19 March 2019 with Laura Chinchilla, former President of Costa Rica and current Chair of the Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age, and Nanjala Nyabola, author and political analyst, from Nairobi. Please register [here](#) to attend!



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• Participation or Polarisation? Social Media and Societal Peace

Dresden Forum for International Politics 2019

19-20 March 2019, Dresden

What does it mean for peace within and between societies if a single tweet can trigger a local, national or even international crisis which then erupts into real-world violence? Which opportunities do social media offer to promote peace and democratic processes? These and other questions will be explored at the [Dresden Forum for International Politics](#). Find out more about the [programme](#)!

PAST EVENTS



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• Rethinking Local Development

Bonn Symposium 2018

28/29 November 2018, Bonn

The “transformation of our world” onto a sustainable path – as agreed upon by UN member states in the Agenda 2030 – requires more than one-off projects. How can a fundamental change in policies, in the society and the economy be initiated? What can municipalities contribute to this shift towards sustainable development and how can the local impetus be escalated to the other political levels? The **Bonn Symposium 2018** aimed to stimulate ideas and inject fresh momentum into this debate. [See our conference report!](#)



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• Anchoring Global Governance in Societies.

International sef: Expert Workshop 2018

25/26 September 2018, Duisburg

The opponents of global cooperation touch a nerve when they talk about global governance as an elitist project. The democratisation of global governance has been the subject of intense debate since the early 1990s, and yet in practice, the embedding of global governance at a societal level remains relatively weak. In our **International sef: Expert Workshop 2018**, we therefore aimed to identify new strategies which could contribute to the progressive rooting of global governance in societies. Read a summary of the debates in our [conference report!](#)

PUBLICATIONS



● The Future of Work – and the ILO. From standard-setting to enforcement

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In 2019, the International Labour Organization (ILO) celebrates its centenary. On this occasion, a high-ranking Global Commission on the Future of Work prepared a report that was published on 22 January 2019. But does it have what it takes to get the centenary celebrations off to a flying start? The answer is: only to a limited extent. Markus Demele looks at the reasons why and identifies some of the actions needed to achieve decent working conditions in the new **Global Governance Spotlight**.

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● New sef: Board of Trustees

The founding states of the Development and Peace Foundation have appointed a **new Board of Trustees**. Profiles of all members can be seen on our homepage. Led by the Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia, Armin Laschet, the sef: Board of Trustees, amongst other responsibilities, approves the annual work programme and appoints the Executive Committee.

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