

Dear Reader,

A Kenyan country dweller regularly uses her mobile phone to pay her bills, new digital hubs emerge in Accra or Addis Ababa, and youth movements in Uganda or Senegal are increasingly connected online – digitalisation in Africa is on the rise. This is of great relevance also to peace and security policy on the continent. At the **Potsdam Spring Dialogues** in May, we will discuss these issues online with academics, activists and political representatives from Africa and Europe, and explore how processes of digitalisation can support peaceful development in Africa.

In this newsletter, you will also find information on other upcoming INEF and sef: events, links to our recent publications, and reports and results from past conferences.

Enjoy reading and best wishes from Duisburg and Bonn!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Peacebuilding and Human Security in the Shadow of the Pandemic

19th Käte Hamburger Dialogue

13th April 2021, 17:30–19:00 hrs (CEST), online

Covid-19 does not pose a threat of war. But the Covid-19 pandemic has made peacebuilding more difficult and endangers human security. The Käte Hamburger Dialogue discusses effects of the pandemic and asks what measures are necessary in terms of solidarity and justice to protect people as well as ensure their integrity and dignity.

More information is available [here](#).



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📌 Responses to COVID-19: An Interim Review and Lessons Learned

**Brandenburg Online Dialogue “Learning with Africa”
21 April 2021, 17.00–18.30 hrs (CEST), via Zoom**

The Corona pandemic has had the world in its grip for over a year. However, the health consequences of COVID-19 have affected Africa less than anticipated. What lessons has Africa learned from previous epidemics, and how did they help with managing the current pandemic better than Europe? How can the economic and social collateral damage caused by prioritising health protection be reduced in the future? What contribution can digitalisation make? The first Brandenburg Online Dialogue "Learning with Africa" will focus on these (and other) questions.

The [programme](#) and [registration](#) are now available on our website.



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📌 Multiple Crises and Re-ordering the World

**Joint Annual Conference of the Centre for Global
Cooperation Research (GCR21) and INEF
22th and 23th April, online**

The frequency and simultaneity with which crises seem to arise on a global scale call into question the adaptability of the current international system. Against this background, the conference invites discussions on how the perception of cumulative crises is affecting the reorganization of the world. INEF and the Käte Hamburger Kolleg (KHK/GCR21) in cooperation with the University of Duisburg-Essen gather researchers to explore their ideas on the reconstruction of order and legitimate authority.

Participation by invitation only.

Further information is available [here](#). .



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⚡ Making Digitalisation Work for Peaceful Development

Potsdam Spring Dialogues 2021

10-12 May 2021, online

In Africa, digital transformation is in full swing. The African Union (AU) sees it as the driving force for growth in the spirit of Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030. So far, many discussions focus on the development of a regional digital infrastructure. The implications of digitalisation for peace and security policy, however, have been less at the centre of debates. This is the starting point for the Potsdam Spring Dialogues 2021, which will be held under the title "Making Digitalisation Work for Peaceful Development. Opportunities for regional cooperation in and with Africa". It will address the conditions needed to strengthen the peace-building effect of digitalisation on the continent.

The **programme** is now available on our website. Participation is by personal invitation. If you are interested, please contact nordmann@sef-bonn.org with a brief explanation.

PAST EVENTS



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⚡ Europe and the Change at the White House – New Chances for a Global Peace Policy?

Public Online Forum Frauenkirche

28 January 2021, online

The past four years have challenged the basic values of the transatlantic community. At the same time, joint action is needed for many peace policy tasks - such as the Iran Agreement. One week after the inauguration of US President Joe Biden, the former EU Foreign Representative Federica Mogherini, Professor Nicole Deitelhoff from the Peace Research Institute in Frankfurt, and former US Ambassador to Germany John C. Kornblum discussed the prerequisites on which this can succeed in the future.

A **short summary** and selected **video clips** are available on our website.



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📌 Transnational Jihadism and Collective Security in East Africa

Expert Workshop

26 January 2021, online

Over the past decade, militant Islamism has become a substantial security threat in East Africa. Who are the relevant militant Islamist actors? How can further escalations of jihadist violence be avoided? These are some of the questions addressed by an online expert workshop jointly hosted by INEF and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Kenya Office.

A workshop report is available on the [INEF website](#).



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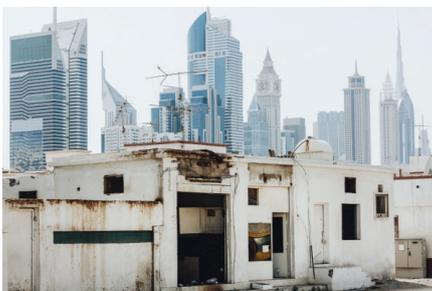
📌 Building Sustainability into African Free Trade

Potsdam Winter Dialogues 2020

14-15 December, online

The Potsdam Winter Dialogues 2020 took place online with the title "Building Sustainability into African Free Trade". The focus was on the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) which entered into force on January 1st, 2021.

Numerous African and European experts discussed the opportunities and challenges of this centrepiece of economic integration on the continent. Read the [report](#) and watch our [video recordings](#) on our website now!



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📌 Reducing Social Inequality – Strategies at Local Level

Bonn Symposium 2020

5-6 November 2020, online

The Bonn Symposium 2020 took place online on the topic of "Reducing Social Inequality – Strategies at Local Level". More than one hundred municipal representatives from different world regions discussed what a more equitable municipality might look like in the future. The [report](#) and various [video recordings](#) are now available on our website.

PUBLICATIONS



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: Elections in Côte d'Ivoire Continue Stabilisation

New contribution to INEF Development and Peace Blog

In the West African Côte d'Ivoire, a new **parliament** was elected at the beginning of March. INEF Vice Director Christof Hartmann puts the struggle of the three established parties and their party leaders in a historical and regional context. The **blog post** discusses the election as a conflict between different political strategies ranging from clientelism to nationalism and the technocratic developing state.



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: Posing a Development Policy Dilemma: Khat Cultivation in Kenya

Contribution to the INEF Development and Peace Blog

Khat is a stimulant drug and its consumption is culturally rooted, particularly in Ethiopia, Somalia and Yemen. The cultivation provides smallholder farmers in Kenya with an important source of income, while khat consumption causes social and health problems, especially among the young, urban population. INEF researcher Arne Rieber **discusses** associated challenges for policy-making.



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: Challenges for Ruling Elites in Recent Elections in Namibia and Uganda

Contribution to the INEF Development and Peace Blog

The 'old' ruling elites in Namibia and Uganda came from liberation movements and have been in power for decades. Increasingly, they are challenged by a new generation of politicians. In this **INEF blog entry**, Markus Bayer shows that while these young politicians were successful at the local level, they have not (yet) been able to assert themselves at the national level.



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⋮ Pathways Out of Extreme Poverty

New article discusses key measures

INEF researcher Karin Gaesing and Frank Bliss identify access to land, the promotion of agriculture and social security measures for ultra-poor people in rural areas as the keys to a sustainable liberation from poverty. In a **new contribution to D&C**, they discuss these proposals which are based on the results of the INEF research project “**Ways out of Poverty, Vulnerability and Food Insecurity**”, funded by the BMZ.



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⋮ Partnership and Global Health Governance

Article on the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All (GAP)

In their new **article** „Transformation through ‘Meaningful’ Partnership?“, INEF researchers Elena Sondermann and Cornelia Ulbert analyze Goal 17 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They examine the extent to which participation and accountability for civil society actors have been implemented in the framework of the GAP. The article has been published in Politics and Governance as part of a Special Issue on “The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Transformative Change through the Sustainable Development Goals?”.



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⋮ Human Rights and Corporate Reinsurance

Article in New Political Economy

Using the Belo Monte mega-dam in the Brazilian Amazon as a case study, Christian Scheper, researcher at INEF, and Johanna Gördemann from the Institute of Philosophy at the University of Duisburg-Essen examine how a European reinsurance company links its global human rights policy to its core business. Their **article** shows the limits of private transnational governance as an institutional pillar of the human rights system and forms part of a special issue.



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: The Effectiveness of Protests Against Right-wing Populists

Article on protests against Pegida

In recent years, right-wing populist movements have become increasingly active on the streets, while at the same time numerous counter-movements have formed. However, we do not yet know what influence these counter-protests have on right-wing populist movements. Using Pegida as an example, Johannes Vüllers, researcher at INEF, and Sebastian Hellmeier (V-Dem, University of Gothenburg) **examine** the connection with new data for all major German cities.



POWER AND AUTHORITY IN INTERNET GOVERNANCE

RETURN OF THE STATE?

Edited by
Blayne Haggart, Natasha Tusikov
and Jan Aart Scholte



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: Governing the Internet

Edited volume on “Power and Authority in Internet Governance”

A **new book** by the Käte Hamburger Kolleg (KHK)/Centre for Global Cooperation Research (GCR21) offers a critical discussion of how internet is being governed. It views internet governance as a complex arena where power is contested among diverse non-state and state actors across local, national, regional and global scales. Case studies from across the world addresses a wide range of issues regarding internet infrastructure, data and content.

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: New staff member at INEF: Arne Rieber

In March 2021, Arne Rieber joined the INEF. He is working in the project “Ways out of Poverty, Vulnerability and Food Insecurity”. After studying Geographical Development Research at Freie Universität Berlin, he worked at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. His research interests include rural development, food security and resilience, and the transformation of smallholder livelihood strategies under land constraints, with a regional focus on Sub-Saharan Africa.



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! New staff member at sef: Ingo Nordmann

Also in March, Ingo Nordmann joined sef: as Research and Programme Coordinator. Previously, he worked at Engagement Global as a project leader, and as Executive Assistant to the Secretary General at ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability. He holds an MA degree in Global Studies from the universities of Wrocław (Poland) and Leipzig (Germany), and has also studied in Wales and South Africa.

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