

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Markus Loewe

currently:

Senior economist,
head of research team and
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countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
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Work experience

2015 Offer of a chair in economics (W3 professorship) at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg declined

since 2006 German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn

Department 2: Sustainable economic and social development

*Senior economist,
team leader and*

co-ordinator for DIE's activities in research and policy advice on MENA countries

Main areas of research, policy advice and teaching:

- Social protection
- Millennium Development Goals, human development, poverty reduction
- Inclusive / pro-poor growth
- Industrial policy, private sector development, investment promotion
- SME development and promotion

Geographic focus: Middle East and North Africa

Team leader for the following research projects (funded by BMZ):

- Pro-poor growth in India und Brazil (2007-2009, 3 researchers)
- Social effects of the global economic and financial crisis (2010-2012, 3 researchers)
- Political economy of inclusive growth (2013-2014, 4 researchers)
- Employment policy in developing countries (2014-2015, 4 researchers)
- Contributions to stability and development in the MENA region (2015-2017, 6 researchers)

1999-2006 German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn

Department 1: Middle East and North Africa

Researcher

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Main areas of research, consultancy and teaching:

- Social development, poverty reduction
- Social protection and labour market policies

1999	International Labour Office, Genf Regional Office for Arab States <i>Intern (3 months)</i> Main topic: Social aspects of structural adjustment
1996–1998	University of Tübingen Institute for Political Science <i>Research assistant</i> Main topics: Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Agreement, US policies towards the Middle East, Economic and social policy programmes of Islamist parties in Algeria, Morocco, Palestine and Jordan
1996	Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Jerusalem Office for the Occupied Palestinian Territories <i>Intern (4 months)</i> Topic: Options for a comprehensive social protection strategy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip

Education

2002–2005	University of Heidelberg <i>Graduation as Dr. rer. pol. (equivalent to Doctor of Economics)</i> Alfred Weber Institute for Economics Thesis on: „Social Protection and the Informal Sector: theoretical considerations and the situation in the Arab world with special reference to the micro-insurance approach“
1991–1998	University of Tübingen <i>Graduation as Diplom-Volkswirt (equivalent to M.A.)</i> Final degree: 1,3 (ECTS: A) Thesis on: „Social Protection in the Palestinian Territories: existing schemes and reform options“ (rewarded with the research prize of the Josef-Popper-Nährpflicht-Foundation) Main courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• economic theory (growth theory, business cycle theory, micro-economics, industrial economics, institutional economics, foreign trade theory, exchange rate theory),• economic policy (monetary policy, growth and employment policy, development policy)• public finance (taxes, market failure, public budget deficits),• political science (comparative politics, international relations, political sociology)• orientalism (Islamic history, religion of Islam, the Tanzimat reforms, the history of Saudi-Arabia)• Arabic
1994–1995	University of Damascus Study of economics in Arabic language Language courses (12 months) in Standard Arabic and Syrian Dialect
1991–1994	Universities of Erlangen-Nürnberg and Tübingen <i>Graduation as cand. pol. (equivalent to B.A.)</i> Final degree: 1,3 (ECTS: A) Thesis on: „Economic reform attempts of Syria 1979–1994“ Economics, business administration, law, orientalism, Arabic

Periods spent outside Europe

- 2012 **Empirical research in Egypt (3 months)**
Topic: Factors of SME upgrading in Egypt
- 2009 **Empirical research in t (3 weeks)**
Topic: Industrial policy in Egypt
- 2008 **Empirical research in Vietnam (2 weeks)**
Topic: Starting points for German-Vietnamese financial co-operation in the field of social protection
- 2006 **Empirical research in Jordan (3 months)**
Topic: Impact of wassta (favouritism) on the investment climate in Jordan
- 2001 **Empirical research in Jordan (3 months)**
Topic: Improving the social protection of poor and vulnerable groups in urban Jordan
- 1999 **Empirical research in Egypt (3 weeks)**
Topic: Starting points for German-Egyptian development co-operation in the field of social protection
- 1994-1995 **Internship in the Palestinian Territories (4 months)**
Country office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (see above)
- 1994-1995 **Study in Syria (12 months)**
At the University of Damascus, the Arab Teaching Institute for Foreigners and the Institut Français d'Etudes Arabes à Damas
- 1991 **Private travel across 11 countries in Latin America (3 months)**
- 1989 **Private travel across Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Iraq (2 months)**

Language skills

- German:** Mother tongue
- English:** C2
- French:** C1
- Arabic:** B2 (both: Standard Arabic and Palestinian /Syrian Dialect)
- Spanisch:** A2

Prizes

DAAD stipend for research and language courses in Syria (1994-1995)

Research prize of the Josef-Popper-Nährpflicht-Foundation for my thesis on „Social Protection in the Palestinian Territories: existing schemes and reform options“ (1998)

Memberships in scientific boards

Co-founding member of the Working Group „Social Protection“ within the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)

Member of the scientific advisory board of the Poverty, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNET) since 2012

Member of the scientific advisory board of the Progressive Lab for Sustainable Development (PLSD) since 2016

Deputy delegate in the Conference Diakonie und Entwicklung, which supervises the social, humanitarian and development activities of the German Protestant Church (Brot für die Welt, Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst, Diakonisches Werk)

Member of the scientific advisory board of the research project by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit on "Inclusion of persons with disabilities in systems of social protection"

Member of the scientific advisory board of the research project by University of Bielefeld on "How 'social' is Turkey?"

Member of the advisory boards for „Social protection“, „Poverty and inequality“, „SDGs“ and „Employment“ of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ)

Membership in scientific networks

Middle East Economic Association (MEEA)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO)

European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)

Poverty, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNET)

Forum Euroméditerranéen des Instituts de Sciences Économique (FEMISE)

Co-operation in joint research projects

Empirical research project with the Egyptian Center for Economic Studies (ECES) in Cairo on „Which factors determine the upgrading of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)?“ (2011-2012, 6 researchers from DIE and 2 researchers from ECES, joint drafting of the research report)

Empirical research project with the University of Passau since 2015 on „The direct and indirect effects of health insurance in resource-poor settings: Experimental evidence from Burkina Faso“

Empirical research project with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, The International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation (ICMIF) and Commercial Insurance Beirut) on Microinsurance in Western Asia (2012-2014, 3 researchers)

Successful applications for third party funding

Funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ):

- Research project „Pro-poor growth in India and Brazil“ (2007-2009, 3 researchers)
- Research project „Social effects of the global economic and financial crisis“ (2010-2012, 3 researchers)
- Research project „Contributions to stability and development in the MENA region“ (2015-2021, 6 researchers)

Funding from Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ):

- Research project „Employment policy in developing countries“ (2014-2015, 4 researchers)
- Research project „Employment policy in developing countries II“ (2017-2018, 4 researchers)

Peer reviews

For journals:

- Canadian Journal for Development Studies
- Development Policy Review
- Effective States and Inclusive Development Working paper Series of the University of Manchester
- Global Social Policy
- International Journal of Social Welfare
- Journal of International Development
- Journal of Social Policy
- New Middle Eastern Studies
- Poverty and Public Policy
- Public Health Review
- Social Security Review
- University of Manchester Working Paper Series
- World Development
- Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft

For funding agencies:

- American University of Caoro / Horizon 2020
- German Federal Ministry for Education and Research
- Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)

For conferences:

- Annual conferences of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO)
- General congress of the European Association of Development Institutes (EADI), Bergen, 2017
- International Symposium "Social Protection Systems – Tying the Knots", Bonn, 2016

Leadership of research teams

Improving the social protection of the urban poor and near-poor in Jordan: The potential of micro-insurance
(2000-2001, 6 researchers)

The impact of favouritism on the business climate: A study on wasata in Jordan (2005-2006, 6 researchers)

Pro-poor growth in India and Brazil (2007-2009, 3 researchers)

Social effects of the global economic and financial crisis (2010-2012, 3 researchers)

Which factors determine the upgrading of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)? The case of Egypt (2011-2012,
8 researchers)

Political economy of pro-poor growth (2013-2014, 11 researchers and co-leader)

Employment policy in developing countries (2014-2015, 4 researchers)

Contributions to stability and development in the MENA region (2015-2022, 6 researchers)

List of publications, unpublished documents, presentations and lectures

Dr. Markus Loewe

Monographies (some with co-authors)

Microinsurance in Western Asia, Beirut: UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) / International Labour Organization (ILO), 2014 [with Coralie Zaccar]

Which factors determine the upgrading of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)? The case of Egypt, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Studies 76), 2013 [with me as the main author and 7 co-authors]

Industrial policy in Egypt 2004–2011, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Discussion Paper 13/2013)

Soziale Sicherung in den arabischen Ländern: Determinanten, Defizite und Strategien für den informellen Sektor, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2010

Soziale Sicherung, informeller Sektor und das Potenzial des Kleinstversicherungsansatzes, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2009

The Impact of Favouritism on the Business Climate: A Study on Wasta in Jordan, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Studies 30), 2007 [with me as the main author and 5 co-authors]

Middle East / North Africa and the Millennium Development Goals: implications for German development co-operation, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Studies 19), 2006

Relevanz der Millennium Development Goals für die Länder des Nahen Ostens und Nordafrikas sowie für die deutsche Entwicklungszusammenarbeit mit dieser Region, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE Studies 9), 2005

Soziale Sicherung und informeller Sektor: Stand der theoretischen Diskussion und kritische Analyse der Situation in den arabischen Ländern unter besonderer Berücksichtigung des Kleinstversicherungsansatzes, Heidelberg: Universität, 2005

Improving the social protection of the urban poor and near-poor in Jordan: The potential of micro-insurance, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Berichte und Gutachten 12/2001) [with me as the main author and 5 co-authors]

Systeme der sozialen Sicherung in Ägypten. Entwicklungstendenzen, Erfahrungen anderer Geber und Ansatzpunkte für die deutsche Entwicklungszusammenarbeit, Berlin: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Berichte und Gutachten 4/2000)

Edited volumes

Translating an ambitious vision into global transformation: the 2030 agenda for sustainable development, Bonn: Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Discussion Paper 7/2015) [with Nicole Rippin]

Peer-reviewed articles in journals and volumes

A decade on: how relevant is the regulatory environment for micro and small enterprise upgrading after all? in: *The European Journal of Development Research* 29, 2, 457–475 [with Tilman Altenburg and Aimée Hampel-Milagrosa]

One size fits all? Die Rolle der Sozialversicherung in Entwicklungsländern, in: Laurenz Mülheims / Karin Hummel / Susanne Peters-Lange / Edwin Toepler / Iris Schuhmann (eds.), *Handbuch Sozialversicherungswissenschaft*, Heidelberg: Springer VS, 2915, 1077-1096 [with Katja Bender and Esther Schüring]

千年发展目标与可持续发展目标——人类发展目标同全球公共产品目标的结合？[Millennium Plus oder Sustainable Development Goals: Wie lassen sich Ziele der menschlichen Entwicklung mit Zielen für globale öffentliche Güter miteinander kombinieren?], in: Fues, Thomas / Jiang Ye (eds.), *联合国2015年后全球发展议程研究—中国与欧洲的视角*[The United Nations post-2015 agenda for global development: Perspectives from China and Europe], Shanghai, 2015, 143-163

The entrepreneur makes a difference: Evidence on MSE upgrading factors from Egypt, India and the Philippines, *World Development* 66, 2015, 118–130 [with Aimée Hampel-Milagrosa and Caroline Reeg]

One size fits all? Die Rolle der Sozialversicherung in Entwicklungsländern, in: Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg (ed.), *Sozialversicherungswissenschaft: Das Handbuch*, forthcoming [with Katja Bender and Esther Schüring]

Pension Schemes and Pension Reforms in the Middle East and North Africa, in: Katja Hujo (ed.), *Reforming Pensions in Developing and Transition Countries*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014, 69-100

Millennium plus or sustainable development goals: How to combine human development s with targets for global public goods? in: *Global Review* (Shanghai Institutes for International Studies) 2/2014

Caring for the urban middle class: the political economy of social protection in Arab countries, in: Katja Bender / Markus Kaltenborn / Christian Pfleiderer (eds.), *Social protection in developing countries: reforming systems*, London: Routledge, 2013, 196-204

The potential of microinsurance for social protection, in: Craig Churchill / Michal Matul (eds.), *Protecting the poor: a microinsurance compendium Vol. II*, Geneva: International Labour Office and Munich Re Foundation, 2012, 40-58 [with Yvonne Deblon]

The global financial crisis and the Arab world: impact, reactions and consequences, in: *Mediterranean Politics* 15 (1), 2010, 45-71 [with Juliane Brach]

Entwicklungsarbeit, Armutsbekämpfung und Millennium Development Goals, in: Jörg Faust / Susanne Neubert (eds.), *Wirksamere Entwicklungspolitik: Befunde, Reformen, Instrumente*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2010, 101-138

The third way to social protection: promoting group-based micro-insurance, in: *Journal of Insurance and Risk Management* 4 (1), 2009, 72-90

How favoritism affects the business climate: Empirical evidence from Jordan, in: *The Middle East Journal* 62 (2), 2008, 259-276 [with Jonas Blume and Johanna Speer]

Unternehmer, Korruption und Investitionsförderung in Jordanien, in: Holger Albrecht (ed.), *Der Vordere Orient: Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 141-158, 2007

Downscaling, upgrading or linking? Ways to realize micro-insurance, in: *International Social Security Review* 59 (2), 2006, 37-60 [published also in French, German and Spanish]

Maßnahmen zur Verbesserung der sozialen Sicherheit im informellen Sektor: Das Beispiel der arabischen Welt, in: Dirk Messner / Imme Scholz (eds.), *Zukunftsfragen der Entwicklungspolitik*, Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2004, 221-235

New avenues to be opened for social protection in the Arab world: The case of Egypt, in: *International Journal of Social Welfare* 13 (1), 2004, 3-14

Protecting the old in a young Economy: The example of the Palestinian Occupied Territories. in: *International Social Security Review* 53 (3), 2000, 59-82 [published also in French, German and Spanish]

Soziale Unsicherheit in der Westbank und im Gazastreifen, in: *Orient* 39 (4), 1998, 605-625

Other articles in journals and volumes

Pension schemes in MENA: generous—but not to the poor! in: *Policy in Focus* 14 (3), 2017, 11-14

Transforming our world, achieving a sustainable development model: The 2030 Agenda and the EU, in: Conny Reuter/ Ernst Stetter, *Progressive Lab for sustainable development: From vision to action*, Brussels: Foundation for European Progressives Studies / SOLIDAR / Group of the progressive alliance of the Socialist and Democrats in the European Parliament, 15-32 [with several co-authors]

- World development agenda after 2015: Merging human with sustainable development, in: *Diplomatist* (New Delhi), 8/2014, 36-38
- Millennium plus or Sustainable Development Goals: How to combine human development objectives with targets for global public goods?, in: Thomas Fues / YE Jiang (eds.), *Risks and side effects of global frameworks: Lessons learned for post-2015?*, Bonn / Shanghai: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik und Shanghai Institute for international Studies, 2014, 201-230
- Die Millennium Development Goals: 15 Jahre Erfahrung mit einem internationalen Zielsystem, in: Adrian Amelung / Carina Fugger (Hrsg.), *Entwicklungsarbeit auf dem Prüfstand: Stellschrauben für Post-2015 Development Goals*, Cologne: Institut für Wirtschaftspolitik an der Universität zu Köln, 2015, 15-20
- MDGs and SDGs: Are the Concepts Compatible?, in: United Nations Global Compact (ed.), *Global Compact International Yearbook 2014*, New York, 2014, 6-11
- Social health protection in the Arab world, in: Jenny Schreiber / Thomas Eich / Morgan Clarke (eds.), *Conference proceedings of the international conference: Health related issues and Islamic normativity*, Halle: MENALib, 2013, 151-167
- Ägypten: Großes Potenzial, schlechte Umsetzung; wie das Land die Produktivität seiner Ökonomie verbessern kann, in: *Internationale Politik* 2/2012, Sonderheft: Länderporträt Ägypten, 4-11
- Die meisten bleiben ohne Schutz: Versicherungen erreichen in vielen Ländern nur die wohlhabenden Schichten, in: *Weltsichten* 2/2012, 21-23
- Soziale Sicherheit und soziale Sicherung: mögliche Wege für Entwicklungs- und Schwellenländer, in: Günther Oldenbruch / David Brodkorb (eds.), *Soziale Sicherheit: Programme in der Praxis*, Berlin: Horlemann, 2012, 10-50
- Konzeptionelle Stärken und Schwächen der Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), in: Markus Loewe et al. (eds.), *Die Vereinten Nationen zehn Jahre nach dem Millenniumsgipfel 2000: eine Bilanz*, Potsdam: Universitätsverlag, 2011, 7-26
- Jenseits von Staat und Markt: Mikroversicherungen als neues Konzept sozialer Sicherung in Entwicklungsländern, in: Lutz Leisering (ed.), *Die Alten der Welt*, Frankfurt a.M.: Campus, 2011, 308-340
- Begrenzter Schaden: die Auswirkungen der globalen Wirtschafts- und Finanzkrise auf den Nahen Osten und Nordafrika; in: Günter Meyer / Andreas Thimm (eds.), *Wirtschaftliche und soziale Folgen der Finanzkrise für die Entwicklungsländer*, Mainz: Universität, 2011 [with Juliane Brach]
- Wasta: how the use of "connections" impacts on private sector development in Arab countries and why, in: United Nations Global Compact (ed.), *Global Compact International Yearbook 2011*, New York, 2011, 64-65
- Millenniums-Entwicklungsziele: Plenartagung auf hoher Ebene der Generalversammlung 2010, in: *Vereinte Nationen* 59 (1), 2011, 29-31 [with Silke Weinlich]
- Die Diskrepanz zwischen wirtschaftlicher und menschlicher Entwicklung in der arabischen Welt, in: *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte* 24/2010, 10-16
- Auswirkungen des demographischen Wandels auf das Wachstum, die Kapitalmärkte und die Sozialsysteme in den Entwicklungsländern, in: Thomas Sternberg / Maria Kröger (eds.): *Generationen: Aspekte des demografischen Wandels*, Münster: Akademie Franz-Hitze-Haus), 2008
- Politik für die städtischen Mittelschichten: Soziale Sicherung in der arabischen Welt, in: Joachim Betz / Wolfgang Hein (eds.), *Neues Jahrbuch Dritte Welt. Soziale Sicherung in Entwicklungsländern*, Opladen: Leske+Budrich, 2004, 147-168
- Reform der sozialen Sicherung in den arabischen Ländern. Was die Regierungen tun sollten und wo Entwicklungszusammenarbeit ansetzen kann, in: Michael von Hauff / Ute Vogt (eds.), *Islamische und westliche Welt. Warum Politik, Wirtschaft und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit ihre Kooperationen neu orientieren müssen*, Marburg: Metropolis-Verlag, 2004, 404-434
- Sozialpolitik im Dienste des Machterhalts: Soziale Sicherung und der Staat im arabischen Vorderen Orient, in: *Der Bürger im Staat* 3/1998, 147-152 [wieder abgedruckt in: Peter Pawelka / Hans-Georg Wehling (eds.), *Der Vordere Orient an der Schwelle zum 21. Jahrhundert*]

Working and discussion papers

- Which factors determine the upgrading of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises? Evidence from Egypt, India and the Philippines*, Cairo: Economic Research Forum (Working Paper 866) [with Aimée Hampel-Milagrosa and Caroline Reeg]
- Pension schemes and pension reforms in the Middle East and North Africa*, discussion paper, Geneva: United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), 2009
- Deutsche Entwicklungszusammenarbeit mit Ägypten: Eine Analyse aus der Ankerlandperspektive*, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE Discussion Paper 14/ 2009)
- Basic social protection: Positions of key development actors*, Stuttgart: Brot für die Welt (Analysis 1), 2008
- The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): Chances and risks*, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE Discussion Paper 6/2008)
- Social Security in Egypt: An Analysis and Agenda for Reform*, Kairo: Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey (ERF Working Paper 24/2000)
- Which factors determine the upgrading of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises? Evidence from Egypt, India and the Philippines*, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE Discussion Paper 21/2013) [with Aimée Hampel-Milagrosa and Caroline Reeg]

Policy papers

- Social protection: a key instrument for social, economic and political development*, Kiel: Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) (Pegnet Policy Brief 7)
- How can development policy help to tackle the causes of flight?* Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Briefing Paper 2/2016) [with Benjamin Schraven, Bernhard Trautner, Julia Leininger und Jörn Grävingholt; has also been published in German]
- Transforming Egypt: Innovation and Diversification as Drivers of Growth*, Cairo: Economic Research Forum, June 2015 (ERF Policy Brief 1)
- Entscheidende Faktoren für das Wachstum von Klein- und Kleinstunternehmen*, Frankfurt/Main: KfW (Entwicklungs-politik Kompakt 5/2014) [with Aimée Hampel-Milagrosa and Caroline Reeg]
- Changing global patterns of poverty*, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Briefing Paper 3/2012) [with Nicole Rippin]
- Post 2015: How to Reconcile the Millennium Development Goals(MDGs) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?* Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Briefing Paper 18/2012)
- Sub-Saharan Africa, too, could achieve the Millennium Development Goals*, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Briefing Paper 15/2010)
- New approaches to social protection: Microinsurance*, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Briefing Paper 8/2010)
- A Demographic Dividend for the Developing Countries? Consequences of the Global Aging Process*, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Briefing Paper 6/2007)
- Zwischen Frustration und Zuversicht: Die entwicklungspolitische Bilanz des Millennium+5-Gipfels*, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Analysen und Stellungnahmen 7/2005) [with Thomas Fues]

Articles in newspapers, in non-academic periodicals and on websites

- No stability without social protection*, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) (The Current Column, 23 October 2017) [with Christoph Strupat]

- A New Social Contract for the Arab World, in: Diplomatisches Magazin 2 /2017, 40-43 [with Annabelle Houdret; has also been published in German language]
- A new social contract for the countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) (The Current Column of 5 December 2016) [with Amirah El-Haddad, Mark Furness, Annabelle Houdret, Bernhard Trautner and Tina Zintl; has also been published in German]
- An Italian researcher is tortured to death in Cairo – sombre cause to reconsider the way we work with Egypt, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (The Current Column, 17 March 2016) [with Tilman Altenburg, Bernhard Trautner und Georgeta Vidican; has also been published in German]
- Suez Canal expansion: What's in it for Egypt? Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) (Die aktuelle Kolumne, 24 August 2015) [has also been published in German]
- An appropriate approach: interview with Markus Loewe, in: Development and Co-operation (D+C) 42 (8), 2015, 18-20 [has also been published in German]
- Megaprojekte helfen Ägypten nur wenig, Zeit online 25. August 2015
- Safety nets: an underresearched topic, in: Development and Co-operation (D+C) 42 (9), 2015, 36 [has also been published in German]
- Die Morde in Paris: Schuld ist nicht der Islam..., Bonn: Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Die aktuelle Kolumne, 21. Januar 2015) [mit Annabelle Houdret und Mark Furness]
- It's not just the economy, stupid! auf: The Broker online 10/2014 [mit Caroline Reeg]
- مصر؟ في المتوسطة الصغيرة بالمشاريع الارتقاء تحدد التي العوامل هي ما [Which factors constrain the upgrading of small and medium-size enterprises in Egypt?], in: SME Advisor Arabia 2, 48-54
- Last hope: The EU needs to do more to promote democracy in Tunisia, in: D+C development Co-operation 12/2013
- Letzte Chance: Der arabische Frühling scheint beendet – aber in Tunesien kann sich die Demokratie noch durchsetzen, in: Rundschau. Zeitschrift der deutsch-tunesischen Gesellschaft 1/2014, 13
- Two years on from the start of the "Arab Spring" and many key questions of international co-operation remain unanswered, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (Aktuelle Kolumne, 10. Juni 2013) [with Annabelle Houdret]
- More is not always better: If we want the new global development agenda to be manageable, it is perhaps better to design a small set of end goals similar to the original MDGs, instead of a new wish list, Broker Online, 10/2013
- Public pensions in MENA: A dangerous situation, in: Middle East Insurance Review 12/2012
- Kooperation wofür? Europas Hilfe für Nordafrika nutzte bisher vor allem den autoritären Herrschern dort, in: Die Zeit, 24 February 2011, 33 [with Marc Furness]
- Suche nach einer neuen Rolle, Fehlender Strukturwandel als Gefahr für Syrien und Jordanien, in: Neue Zürcher Zeitung, internationale Ausgabe, 2 March 2011, 11
- Create no, one, or many democracies in the Arab world?, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik / German Development Institute (The current column; 7. Februar 2011) [auch in deutscher Sprache erschienen]
- Eine Tüte heißer Luft: UN-Gipfel zur Umsetzung der Millenniumsentwicklungsziele, in: Newsletter Forum Eine Welt NRW 3/2010, 7-8
- Even poor countries can afford basic social protection schemes, from which their economic development will benefit, as well, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (The current column, 6 December 2010)
- What can one do with a bag of hot air? – Consequences of the UN Summit in New York for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (The current column, 27 September 2010)
- The Millennium Development Goals call for more realism and stronger demands in developing countries, Bonn: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (The current column, 12 July 2010)

Noch ist kein Kurswechsel in Sicht: Der Stand des Millenniumsprozesses in der arabischen Welt – Konsequenzen für die deutsche Entwicklungszusammenarbeit, in: Zeitschrift Entwicklungspolitik (12/13), 2005, 47–49

Policy advice products

- Das Konzept des Gesellschaftsvertrags und seine Bedeutung für die zukünftige entwicklungspolitische Kooperation mit den MENA-Ländern, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2018
- Der Sozialpakt in Tunesien, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2017
- Überlegungen zur Förderung von Wachstum und Beschäftigung in den MENA-Ländern, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2017
- Relevanz des DIE-policy brief „Arbeitsplatzoffensive für Afrika“ für die MENA-Region, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2017
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- Möglichkeiten für deutsche EZ im Bereich soziale Sicherung in Ägypten, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2017
- Ergebnisvermerk SP-MENA-Konferenz im DIE Anfang 2016, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2017
- Kommentierung des Marshall-Plan-Papiers von Minister Müller aus MENA-Perspektive, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2017 [with Bernhard Trautner]
- Kommentierung der 3. Version des Papiers von Prof. Wolf zu Nordafrika, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2017 [with Amira El-Haddad]
- Regionaler Förderansatz Nordafrika, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2016
- Entwicklungspolitische Einschätzung der BMZ-Sonderinitiative „Stabilisierung und Entwicklung in Nordafrika und dem Nahen Osten“, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2016 [with Bernhard Trautner, Mark Furness and Annabelle Houdret]
- Nordafrika-Initiative: Wachstum für Nordafrika – eine europäische Agenda, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2016 [with Bernhard Trautner, Mark Furness and Annabelle Houdret]
- Ein Bündnis für Arbeit in der MENA-Region, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2016
- Arbeitsmarktpolitik in Jordanien, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2016 [with Tina Zintl]
- Determinants of employment policy outcomes in developing countries, Bonn: German International Co-operation (GIZ), 2016
- Supporting North Africa as an economic zone, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2016
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- Comments on the thesis paper „Growth for Northern Africa – A European Agenda“ by Prof. Wolf, HU Berlin, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2016
- Comments on the potential of a Global Fund for Social Protection, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2016
- Comments on the new North Africa strategy paper of the African Development Bank, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2016
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- Towards a post-2015 development framework, contribution of DIE to the public consultation of the European Commission*, Brussels: European Commission, 2012 [main author]
- Sollte Beschäftigung ein Ziel in einer neuen entwicklungspolitischen Agenda nach 2015 sein?* Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2012
- Potenzial der deutschen Finanziellen Zusammenarbeit (FZ) bei der Förderung von sozialer Sicherheit in Entwicklungsländern*, KfW Entwicklungsbank, Frankfurt [with Christine Weigand]
- The micro-insurance approach from a social protection perspective*, Eschborn: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit, 2009
- Entwurf des Sektorkonzepts "Soziale Sicherung"*, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2008
- Social protection in Viet Nam: Possible contributions of German financial co-operation*, Frankfurt: KfW Entwicklungsbank, 2008
- Anmerkungen zum Entwurf des neuen BMZ-Regionalkonzepts*, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2006
- Überlegungen zur sozioökonomischen Lage der Mittelschichten in den arabischen Ländern nach dem Verfall des Rohölpreises Mitte der 80er Jahre*, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2005
- Überlegungen zum Nebeneinander von ressourcenreichen und ressourcenarmen Ländern in der arabischen Welt*, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2005
- World Development Report 2006: Equity and Development (Entwurf vom März 2005) – Auswertung und Kommentar*, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2005 [with Matthias Krause and Thomas Fues]
- Überlegungen zu einer zukünftigen entwicklungspolitischen Zusammenarbeit mit dem Irak*, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2003
- Sicherheit, Nachkriegsordnung und Wiederaufbau im Irak: Positionen der Geber und Stand der Planungen*, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2003
- Management-Szenarios für den irakischen Ölsektor*, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2003

Sechs Thesen zum Wiederaufbau im Irak, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2003

Soziale Sicherung im Nahen Osten und in Nordafrika: Handlungsbedarf, Reformbereitschaft der Regierungen, Aktivitäten anderer Geber und Ansatzpunkte für deutsche EZ, Bonn: German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, 2003

The partner-agent model of micro-insurance, Manila: Asian Development Bank, 2002

Uniting the strengths of multiple providers of social protection, Manila: Asian Development Bank, 2001

Social Security in Palestine, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Jerusalem, 1996

Teaching at universities

Social Protection Systems in Low and Middle Income Countries, Seminar, University of Applied Science Berlin, 5 times so far in summer terms 2012-2015 and 2017 (36 teaching hours each time)

The concept of social protection, Seminar, University of Applied Science Bonn-Rhein-Sieg, Sankt Augustin, 3 times so far in winter terms 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 (20 teaching hours each time)

Social protection in developing countries, Seminar, Master study programme of GIZ on „Social Security“, 7 times so far in winter terms 2009-2016 (24 teaching hours each time)

Social development and social policy, Module of the post-graduate training course of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), 17 times so far in 2001-2017 (10 teaching hours each time)

Poverty, poverty reduction and inclusive growth, Module of the post-graduate training course of the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), 16 times so far in 2002-2017 (8 teaching hours each time)

Millennium and Sustainable Development Goals Module of the post-graduate training course of the Institute of Rural Development / Seminars für ländliche Entwicklung (SLE), Humboldt-University Berlin, 2013 (2 teaching hours)

Social protection, Module of the training programme for staff members of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development / Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung, Bonn, 3 times so far in 2013-15 (2 teaching hours each time)

Poverty and poverty reduction, Module of the training programme for staff members of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development / Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung, Bonn, 4 times so far in 2005-2008 (2 teaching hours each time)

Poverty, poverty reduction and inclusive growth, Module of the training programme for staff members of DEG, Eitorf, 2 times so far in 2007 and 2008 (4 teaching hours each time)

Organised events

Closed workshop by DIE, BMZ and GIZ on „Operationalisierung des Gesellschaftsvertrags“, BMZ, Bonn, 25 January 2018

Academic Workshop on „In quest of a new social contract: How to reconcile stability and development in the Middle East and North Africa?“, DIE, Bonn, 23-24 February 2018

Public panel discussion „Perspectives for a Renewed Partnership Between Europe and the Middle East and North Africa“, Representative Office of the European commission, Berlin, 10 October 2017

Panel on “A new social contract for MENA countries: concepts, challenges, opportunities” at the 51st MESA-Annual Conference, Washington DC, 18-21 November 2017

Closed workshop by SWP and DIE on „Wie stabil ist Ägypten?“, SWP, Berlin, 06 December 2017

Panel of the EADI Working Group ‘Social ‘Protection’ on “Social Protection and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)“, EADI NORDIC Conference 2017, Bergen, Norway, 20-23 August 2017

- Panel "Inequality: Global and local approaches", PEGNet Conference 2017, ETH Zürich, 11-12 September 2017
- Workshop "Zukunft der Zusammenarbeit mit den MENA-Ländern", Bonn, BMZ, 15 September 2017
- Panel "How to Revive Economic and Human Development in the MENA Region?", 33rd Deutscher Orientalistentag, University of Jena, 18-22 September 2017
- Closed Workshop „Wirtschaftliche Integrationsperspektiven von EU und Nordafrika“ BMZ, Berlin, 09 March 2017 [organised with Tilman Altenburg]
- Public panel discussion „Wissenschaftsfreiheit und internationale Wissenschaftskooperation“, co-organised by Deutsche Welle, Bonn, 25 January 2017
- International academic conference „A new social contract for MENA“, DIE, Bonn, 05-06 December 2016
- Launch in Germany of the Flagship Report of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on "Policy Innovations for Transformative Change: Implementing the 2030 Agenda" DIE, Bonn, 06 December 2016 [in co-operation with UNRISD]
- Public panel discussion „Towards a new social contract for stability and development in the Middle East and North Africa“, co-organised by Deutsche Welle, Bonn, 05 December 2016
- Public panel discussion „Unser Nachbar Algerien“, Institut Français, Bonn, 28 June 2016 [organised with Isabelle Schäfer]
- International academic conference „Deutsch-französische Außen- und Entwicklungspolitik in Nordafrika“, Schloss Genshagen in the vicinity of Berlin, 23.-24 June 2016 [organised with Isabelle Schäfer]
- Public panel discussion „Morocco: from 'Arab Spring' to democratic governance?“ DIE, Bonn, 23 June 2016 [organised with Annabelle Houdret]
- Closed Workshop „Stabilisation and development for Libya“ KfW, Berlin, 16 March 2016 [organised with Mark Furness]
- Public panel discussion „Wie lässt sich der „Arabische Frühling“ retten?“ DIE, Berlin, 11 December 2015 [organised with Isabelle Schäfer]
- International conference "Measuring the social, economic and political effects of social protection: How to overcome the challenges?" Bonn, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, 15-17 April 2015
- Organised session „Gender aspects in public works programmes“ at the Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Conference 2014 on „Employment strategies in the Developing World - How to create sufficient, productive and decent jobs“, Lusaka, Zambia Institute for Policy Analysis and Research (ZIPAR), 18-19 September 2014 [organised with Esther Gehrke]
- Organised session „Social protection policies in the Middle East and North Africa“ at the Fourth World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Ankara, 18-22 August 2014
- Working Group Meeting „Social Protection“ at the 14th EADI General Conference, Bonn, Gustav-Stresemann-Institut, 23-26 June 2014
- Public panel discussion „Ägypten nach dem Arabischen Frühling – Zurück in die Vergangenheit?“ DIE, Bonn, 18 June 2014
- International Conference „Green and social: managing synergies and trade-offs“, Bonn, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, 12.-14 March 2014 [organised with Anna Pegels, Carmen Richerzhagen and Katharina Stepping]
- International Workshop „Micro and Small Enterprise Upgrading: Insights from Egypt, India and the Philippines“, Bonn, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, 28 November 2012 [organised with Aimée Hampel-Milagrosa and Caroline Reeg]
- International Workshop „The Millennium Goals and Beyond: Reflections on an international development policy agenda after 2015“, Bonn, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, 21-22 November 2011 [organised with Alejandro Guarín]
- Organised session „China as a new donor: Consequences for OECD and developing countries“ at the 5th Poverty Reduction, Equity, and Growth Network (PEGNet) Conference 2011 on "Poor countries, poor people, and

- the new global players", Hamburg, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, 7-9 September 2011
- Panel „The Global Financial Crisis and the Arab World: Impact, Challenges and Chances“* at the Third World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Barcelona, University, 19-24 July 2010 [organised with Juliane Brach]
- Workshop „State-Business Relations and Pro-poor Growth“*, Bonn, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, 16 March 2010
- International Workshop „Beyond 2015: Starting the conceptual debate about the future of the Millennium Declaration and the MDGs“*, Bonn, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, 18 January 2010
- International Workshop „Strategies to Achieve Pro-Poor Growth in Brazil, China, India and Europe: The Case of the Education Sector“*, Berlin, InWEnt, 10–11 December 2009 [organised with Nicole Rippin and Ina Dettmann-Busch]
- International Workshop „Industrial Policy in Developing Countries“*, Bonn, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, 18-19 November 2009 [organised with Tilman Altenburg]
- Organised session „The MENA region and the global economic and financial crisis“ at the Annual Conference of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO), Bonn, University, 8-10 October 2009 [organised with Juliane Brach]
- Workshop „Contributions of German Development Co-operation to the Achievement of the MDGs in the MENA Region“*, Bonn, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, 15 March 2005

Presentations

- Old and new social contracts in MENA: The example of subsidy cuts: Comparing Egypt, Morocco and Iran*, guest lecture, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, 23 April 2018
- Reforming social health and pension insurance in Egypt: The challenge of reconciling the interests of the government and key interest groups with general social welfare*, Workshop on „Social policy in the Middle East and North Africa“, Cambridge/ Mass., Harvard Kennedy School, 19-20 April 2018
- How relevant is the regulatory environment for micro and small enterprises? Evidence from Egypt, India and the Philippines*, Study tour of students from Leipzig University, DIE, Bonn, 20 March 2018
- Socioeconomic challenges in post-revolutionary Egypt and Tunisia: the role of international development cooperation*, International Conference on „The socio-economic dimension of political change: Post-revolutionary Egypt and Tunisia, and Latin-American experiences“, Frankfurt/Main, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, 15-16 March 2018,
- Globale Megatrends und das Potenzial von sozialer Sicherung*, Workshop on „Operationalising BMZ's sector strategy social protection“, Bonn, BMZ, 12 March 2018
- Smart Subsidies? Demand-side financing in health and education*, Workshop of KfW Development Bank on „FZ in den sozialen Sektoren“, Glashütten/ Taunus, 07-08 March 2018
- The social contract as a tool of analysis*, Workshop on „In quest of a new social contract: How to reconcile stability and development in the Middle East and North Africa?“, DIE, Bonn, 23-24 February 2018
- Die Idee des Gesellschaftsvertrags und ihre Konsequenzen für Entwicklungspolitik*, closed workshop of DIE, BMZ and GIZ on „Operationalisierung des Gesellschaftsvertrags“, BMZ, Bonn, 25 January 2018
- Stability and Development in the Middle east and North Africa*, Study tour of students from Tübingen University and the American University in Cairo (AUC), DIE, Bonn, 12 December 2017
- How stable is Egypt... economically?* Closed Workshop by SWP and DIE on „Wie stabil ist Ägypten?“, SWP, Berlin, 06 December 2017
- Stability and Development in the Middle east and North Africa*, Study tour of a delegation from the Egyptian Ministry for Investment and International Cooperation, DIE, Bonn, 27 November 2017
- The social contract as a tool of analysis for MENA countries*, 51st Annual Conference of the Middle East Studies Association, 18-21 November 2017, Washington, DC

- Social protection in the MENA: not fair, not efficient, not effective*, Joint UNU-MERIT/School of Governance Seminar, Maastricht School of Governance, 26 October 2017
- How relevant is the regulatory environment for micro and small enterprises? Evidence from Egypt, India and the Philippines*, 33rd Deutscher Orientalistentag (DOT), University of Jena, 18-22 September 2017
- Wo liegen die ökonomischen Entwicklungsprobleme in den MENA-Ländern?*, Workshop on „Zukunft der Zusammenarbeit mit den MENA-Ländern“, Bonn, BMZ, 15 September 2017
- The social contract as a tool of analysis*, EADI NORDIC Conference 2017, Bergen, 20-23 August 2017
- How relevant is the regulatory environment for micro and small enterprises? Evidence from Egypt, India and the Philippines*, guest lecture as part of the MACIE Seminar, University of Marburg, 6 July 2017
- Access to essential services: necessary to close the inequality gap*, Workshop on „Progressive Lab for Sustainable Development: From vision to action“, European Parliament Library, Brussels, 8 June 2017
- Sustainability-oriented EU Taxes: A European Net Wealth Tax*, presentation at the “Progressive Lab for Sustainable development”, FEPS, Brüssel, 06-08 December 2016
- Comments on the Flagship Report 2016 of UNRISD on „Policy Innovations for Transformative Change“* at the occasion of its presentation in Germany, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn, 06 December 2016
- A new social contract for the Middle East and North Africa*, presentation at the Third International IPR-MENA Social Policy Network Conference, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn, 05-06 December 2016
- How relevant is the regulatory environment for micro and small enterprises? Evidence from Egypt, India and the Philippines*, presentation at the 50th Annual Conference of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Boston, 17-20 November
- Health insurance: Solutions for universal health coverage*, presentation at the Annual Development Finance Forum, KfW, Frankfurt/Main, 02-03 November
- Social protection: How can we protect the vulnerable, promote productive integration and enhance social cohesion*, lecture being part of a lecture series on “The Agenda 2030: Dealing with grand challenges for mankind” in winter term 2016/2017, University of Bonn, 03 November 2016
- The Agenda 2030 – Driver of Change Towards Global Sustainability?*, lecture with Tilman Altenburg being part of a lecture series on “The Agenda 2030: Dealing with grand challenges for mankind” winter term 2016/2017, University of Bonn, 20 October 2016
- Health policies in Arab countries: not effective, not efficient, not equitable*, presentation at the 23rd Annual Conference of the German Middle East Association (DAVO), University of Tübingen, 06-08 October 2016
- Poverty reduction*, lecture at the Summer School on Development Policy 2016, University of Bonn, 12 August 2016
- Which factors determine the upgrading of SMEs? Evidence from Egypt, India and the Philippines*, presentation on the Business Environment Forum, World Bank, Washington DC, 17-19 May 2016
- Arbeit und menschliche Entwicklung: Comments on UNDP Human Development Report 2015*, BMZ, Bonn, 15 February 2016
- Work for Human Development: Comments on UNDP Human Development Report 2015*, GIZ, Eschborn, 16 February 2016
- Setting the scene: The social, economic and political effects of social protection, international Constraints to economic growth in Egypt: Why micro and small enterprises (MSEs) can't play their role*, guest lecture, University of Tübingen, 11 November 2015
- The 2030 Agenda: Genesis, contents and value added*, lecture in the seminar on „The 2030 Development Agenda“, Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics, University of Applied Science Cologne, 2 November 2015
- “(Miss-)Erfolg MDGs: Was wurde global erreicht?* Workshop on „MDGs/SDGs: Große Ziele und die Mühen der Ebenen“, Berlin, Kalkscheune, 10 September 2015
- Social Protection in the MENA region*, guest lecture, University of Cologne, 9 June 2015

Pension Schemes and Pension Reforms in the Middle East and North Africa, seminar on "Reforming Pensions in Developing and Transition Countries", Geneva, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, 12 May 2015

Setting the scene: The social, economic and political effects of social protection, International Workshop on "Measuring the social, economic and political effects of social protection: How to overcome the challenges?", German Development Institute/ Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Bonn, 15-17 April 2015

Strengths and weaknesses of the MDGs – and what we should learn from them for the Post 2015 Agenda, Main Model United Nations, University of Frankfurt, 5-8 February 2015

15 Jahre Millenniumsziele – und jetzt? Versuch einer Bilanz und Ausblick, lecture series on „15 Jahre Millenniumsziele – und jetzt?“, Akademie Pirckheimer-Haus, Nuremberg, 22 January 2015

Measuring poverty: an introduction, workshop on "Methodological Issues in Multidimensional Poverty Measurement", German Development Institute/ Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), 11 December 2014

Social protection for better health in Arab countries, 2nd Conference of the Middle East and North Africa Social Policy Network on "Social Policy in the Middle East and North Africa: Challenges and Opportunities", Royal Literary and Scientific Institution, Bath Spa, 20-21 November 2014

Social protection in developing countries, Seminar in the framework of the international studies programme "International Social Protection Studies", GIZ, Mannheim, 24 November 2014

Stärken und Schwächen der MDGs: Lehren für die Post2015-Agenda, international online conference on „Entwicklung ist möglich - Fortschritte für Freiheit und Wohlstand in der Welt“, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, 3-7 November 2014

Die Millennium Development Goals: Ziele, Maßnahmen und Trends der letzten 15 Jahre, lecture in the framework of the studium generale on „Entwicklungspolitik auf dem Prüfstand: Stellschrauben für Post-2015 Development Goals“, University of Cologne, 6 October 2014

Targeting und conditioning in der sozialen Sicherung, Studentag „Die Bedeutung sozialer Sicherheit für Armutsbekämpfung und nachhaltige Entwicklung“, VENRO, Bonn, 24 September 2014

The post-2015 agenda: How can the new goals be universal, country-specific and easy to understand? international conference on "Research for sustainable and global development: Perspectives, reorientations, controversies", Bonn, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, 4-5 September 2014

Contributory and non-contributory social insurance schemes in Arab countries, Fourth World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Ankara, 18-22 August 2014

Sozialpolitik in der arabischen Welt, University of Cologne, 2 July 2014

The role of social protection in the Post2015-Agenda, Comment on the lecture of Khalid Malik, Director of the Human Development Report Office of UNDP in the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, Bonn, 15 April 2014

Social protection and poverty reduction, lecture series „Forschung trifft Praxis“, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Bonn, 3 April 2014

Social policy reforms in the Arab world, lecture series "Cairo Talks on Transformation and Change (CTTC)", Deutsches Wissenschaftszentrum Kairo, Cairo, 25 March 2014

Which factors determine the upgrading of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)? Evidence from Egypt, India and the Philippines, 20th Annual Conference of the Economic Research Forum, Cairo, 22-24 March 2014

Managing synergies and trade-offs, International Workshop „Green and social: managing synergies and trade-offs“, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, Bonn, 12-14 March 2014

Die Rolle von sozialer Sicherung bei der multidimensionalen Armutsbekämpfung – Soziale Sicherung im Kontext internationaler Ziele, workshop on „Soziale Sicherung und Inklusion von Menschen mit Behinderungen“, German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, Bonn, 19 February 2014

Ungleichheit in Deutschland, workshop on „Die Messbarkeit von Ungleichheit“, Old Town Hall, Bonn, 18 February 2014

Inclusive growth in newly industrialising countries, German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, Bonn, 12 February 2014

Pension Schemes and Pension Reforms in the Middle East and North Africa, workshop on "Beyond International Security: Social Security and Social Welfare in the Middle East and North Africa: What are the research and policy choices?", organised by the Middle East and North Africa Social Policy Network and the Institute for Policy Research (IPR), University of Bath, 3 December 2013

It's the entrepreneur stupid! Factors SME upgrading in Egypt, India and the Philippines, Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet) Conference 2013 "How to Shape Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Economies in the Developing World: Global, Regional, and Local Solutions", University of Copenhagen, 23-25 October 2013

The potential of micro-insurance in the Arab Middle East, UN-ESCWA Workshop "Microinsurance as a Mechanism for Social Protection for the Agricultural Sector in Lebanon", UN House, Beirut, 1 October 2013

Potential of small enterprise development in Egypt, India and the Philippines: a comparative analysis, 32nd Deutscher Orientalistentag, University of Münster, 23-27 September 2013

Which factors determine the upgrading of MSMEs? Evidence from Egypt, India and the Philippines, 6th Annual Conference of the Academy of Innovation and Entrepreneurship "Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Inclusive and Sustainable Development", University of Oxford, 29-30 August 2013

Reflection on the study results of "John Farrington: ODI-Study: Impact of Insurance on Food Systems", Expert meeting on "Social Protection and Food Security: What Works?", Universitätsclub, Bonn, 10 July 2013

Beyond 2015: MDGs or SDGs? The New Global Development Agenda, Workshop „Beyond Rio+20: From Millennium Goals to Sustainable Goals“, Haus Venusberg, Bonn, 7-9 June 2013

MDGs nach 2015: Zukunft einer globalen Entwicklungsagenda, 7th Conference for Germans in International Organisations, German Foreign Office, Berlin, 28-31 May 2013

Strukturelle Herausforderungen für die Volkswirtschaften der arabischen Transformationsländer, workshop on „Wirtschaftliche Herausforderungen der arabischen Transformationsländer“, German Foreign Office, Berlin, 28 May 2013

Sozialversicherung, Sozialgeldtransfers oder Mikroversicherung: Was wissen wir über Stärken und Schwächen der grundlegenden Strategien der sozialen Sicherung? Workshop on „Soziale Sicherung in der deutschen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit“, German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, Bonn, 15 April 2013

Kriterien und Modelle für eine Post2015-Entwicklungs-Agenda, workshop on „The Post 2015 Development Agenda“, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Berlin, 4 March 2013

Plädoyer für eine zweiteilige Entwicklungsagenda, public discussion on the report „Globale Nachhaltigkeitsziele für die Post-2015-Entwicklungsagenda“, Bonn, 26 February 2013

Nach 2015: Millennium oder Sustainable Development Goals? Annual conference of the Verein zur Entwicklungökonomischen Forschungsförderung, Montabaur, 23-26 January 2013

Millennium Development Goals und Post-2015-Agenda?, workshop on „Entwicklungszusammenarbeit Post-MDGs“, Gustav-Stresemann-Institut, Bonn, 16-20 December 2012

Micro and Small Enterprise Upgrading: Insights from Egypt, India and the Philippines, workshop on „Micro and Small Enterprise Upgrading: Insights from Egypt, India and the Philippines“, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, Bonn, 28 November 2012 [with Aimée Hampel-Milagrosa and Caroline Reeg]

The case of Egypt: Findings from the MSME upgrading project, workshop on „Micro and Small Enterprise Upgrading: Insights from Egypt, India and the Philippines“, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, Bonn, 28 November 2012

Promoting the private sector in Egypt: Which factors facilitate SME upgrading? 19th Annual Conference of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation, University of Erlangen, 4-6 October 2012

Die MDGs und die Entwicklungspolitik: Was passiert nach 2015? Studium Generale „Vordenken ist besser als nachdenken: Zukunftskonzepte aus Ökonomie, Ökologie und Gesellschaft“, University of Tübingen, 2 July 2012

Which factors determine the upgrading of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): The case of Egypt, 11th Annual International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association on „MENA's road to recovery from global crises: Impact, innovations, and lessons for the future“, Alexandria: Arab Academy for Sciences and Technology, 25-27 June 2012

Social insurance in Arab countries, Conference „Health related issues and Islamic normativity“, University of Hamburg, 20-23 June 2012

SME upgrading in Egypt and the Philippines, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Eschborn, 29 May 2012

Upgrading Small and Medium Enterprises: The Case of Egypt, Egyptian Center for Economic Studies, Cairo, 24 April 2012

Present Situation, Policy Options and Future Perspectives, Conference on „Policy and Governance of SME-Promotion in Egypt“, organized by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Technology and the Egyptian Ministry for Industry and foreign Trade, Cairo, 18 April 2012

Which factors determine the upgrading of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), KfW Entwicklungsbank, Frankfurt, 26 January 2012

Pro-poor growth: Die soziale Dimension des Wachstums, Ökosoziale Hochschultage „Wirtschaftswachstum“ University of Cologne, 11-12 January 2012

MDGs: Stärken und Schwächen des Konzepts, Seminar „Zwischenbilanz der Millenniumsentwicklungsziele in der Reihe „Nachhaltige Entwicklung gestalten. Aus der Praxis der Entwicklungsarbeit und Politik in Zeiten der Globalisierung“, Gustav-Stresemann-Institut, Bonn, 11-15 December 2011

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- The potential of Micro-insurance schemes for social security in the informal sector*, international conference on “International Standards-setting and Innovation in Social Protection in Low Income Countries”, Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Sozialrecht, Frauenchiemsee, 14-16 October 2009
- Folgen der Finanzkrise für die MENA-Länder und deren Reaktionen*, Annual Conference of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation, Bonn, 8-10 October 2009
- Effects of the global financial crisis on the Middle East and North Africa*, public lecture, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Cairo, 16 June 2009
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- Potenzial von Kleinstversicherungssystemen in Entwicklungsländern*, workshop, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Berlin, 19 March 2009
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- Bedeutung der Menschenrechte für soziale Sicherung in Entwicklungsländern, conference on „Armut und Menschenrechte in der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit“, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Berlin, 3-4 April 2008*
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- Der Einfluss von wasata (Günstlingswirtschaft) auf die Investitionstätigkeit in Jordanien, 13th Annual Conference of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation, Hamburg, 30 November -2 December 2006*
- Stand der Umsetzung der VN-Millenniumsziele, public lecture, University of Bremen, 16 November 2006*
- The impact of wasata (favouritism) on the investment climate: Evidence from Jordan, international conference on „Freiheit und Islam: ein Widerspruch? – Freiheitsbegriff und Freiheitsverständnis in der islamischen und abendländischen Welt“, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Bonn, 09-10 October 2006*
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- The Impact of Wasta on the Business Climate in Jordan, University of Tübingen, 17 May 2006*
- Towards a Better Investment Climate in Jordan: Limiting the Role of Wasta in State-Business Relations, public lecture, Centre for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, Amman, Bonn, 26 April 2006*
- Der internationale Handlungsrahmen für die deutsche Entwicklungszusammenarbeit: Die Beschlüsse von Rio, die Millenniumserklärung und die MDGs, seminar on „Herausforderung Wasser und die globale Zusammenarbeit, InWEnt, Feldafing, 2006*
- Die Millennium Development Goals: Ursprung, Inhalte, aktueller Stand, workshop on „Millennium Development Goals“, Nordrhein-Westfälische Stiftung für Umwelt und Entwicklung, 22 November 2005*
- Zwischen Frustration und Zuversicht: Die entwicklungspolitische Bilanz des Millennium+5-Gipfels, InWent, Bonn, 20 October 2005*
- Relevance of the Millennium Development Goals for German development co-operation and for the MENA region“, German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, Bonn, 14 September 2005*
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- Der deutsche Beitrag zur Umsetzung der MDGs im Nahen Osten und in Nordafrika, seminar on „Der deutsche Beitrag zur Umsetzung der MDGs“, InWEnt, Bad Honnef, 20 April 2005*
- Der Millenniumsprozess in Syrien und in den anderen arabischen middle-income countries, seminar on „Effektives Management der Abwasserentsorgung für Teilnehmer aus Syrien“, InWEnt, Feldafing, 15 April 2005*
- Relevanz der MDGs für die Maghreb-Länder und für die deutsche EZ mit dieser Region, workshop on „Beitrag der deutschen EZ zur Erreichung der MDGs in den Ländern des Maghreb“, German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, Bonn, 15 March 2005*
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- Sechs Thesen zum Wiederaufbau im Irak*, workshop on „Die Zukunft des Irak und der Region“, German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, Bonn, 29 April 2003
- Soziale Sicherung von unten*, lecture, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit, Eschborn, 8 April 2003
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- Extending social protection to the informal sector: Past Experience in the Arab World and the Potential of Micro-insurance*, First World Congress of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Mainz, 8-13 September 2002
- Bringing together the Strengths of Multiple Providers of Social Protection.: Linking micro-insurance to micro-finance, social insurance, commercial insurance and re-insurance*, Seminar on „Emerging Issues in Social Protection“, Asian Development Bank and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Phnom Penh, 10-14 December 2001
- New Avenues to be Opened for Social Protection in the Arab World: The Potential of Micro-Insurance in Jordan*, 8th Annual Conference of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation, University of Göttingen, 4 September 2001
- Improving the Social Protection of the Poor and Near-Poor in Jordan. The Potential of Micro-Insurance*, public lecture, Social Security Corporation, Amman, 26 April 2001
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