Dear Reader,

COVID-19 has brought the world to a standstill. The crisis highlights the need for global understanding and cooperation. At the same time, restrictions on movement and gatherings pose practical barriers for dialogue. This situation is new to us as well. In response, we seek to make the best of innovative concepts and digital communication tools, aiming at interactive and global online exchanges. This new “adventure” starts with the Berlin Summer Dialogue 2020 – Online Edition on UN crisis prevention which we carry out as four online dialogues in June this year.

Read more about this event and our other projects in our sef:/ INEF News.

Best wishes and stay well,

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

: **Crisis Prevention: From Ambition to Action - New Pathways for the UN**

**Berlin Summer Dialogue 2020 – Online Edition**  
2 June – 23 June 2020 (Tuesdays)

The new online series discusses the readiness of the United Nations for crisis prevention. We will look at the value of new technologies for the early warning of conflicts as well as the collaboration of international organizations in preventing conflicts. For four sessions, sef: invites experts from around the globe to participate in this interactive dialogue format. In case you are interested in participating, we kindly ask you to drop us an email (including your profession): neubauer[at]sef-bonn.org.
Recommendations for combating poverty and enhancing food security

AVE-Studies 22 and 23

In the context of “Ways out of Extreme Poverty, Vulnerability and Food Insecurity” (AVE), a project funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), INEF has studied very different approaches of development projects in numerous countries since 2015. The project team is now releasing its “Analyses and Recommendations” in a series of final studies regarding several focus areas. In AVE-Study 23b, Jana Herold discusses agricultural value chains as an increasingly relevant approach in development cooperation. AVE-Study 22b by Katrin Gaesing approaches “Access to land and securing of land rights” as an important means to ensure livelihood sources for poor people living in rural areas.

In times of crisis, global cooperation needs to revive Agenda 2030

Contribution to new FriEnt blogseries „Corona, Peace and Conflict“

The Corona pandemic is like a magnifying glass accelerating underlying inequalities and threatening development successes. It is also reflection of systemic challenges on very different levels. Global cooperation towards resilient societies needs to push for the holistic approach of the Agenda 2030, says INEF researcher Elena Sondermann in her post to FriEnt’s (Working Group on Peace and Development) new blogseries. This entails understanding health as a product of its social and ecological environment, reframing aid for health systems as investments in global public goods and realizing “global partnership”.
**Peaceful protest as important step towards stronger democracies**

**Book on relationship between peaceful protest and democratic consolidation**

Democracies emerging from peaceful protest last longer and achieve higher levels of democratic quality than democracies that emerged out of violent resistance or top-down liberalization. This is the core finding of “Nonviolent Resistance and Democratic Consolidation”, written by INEF Senior Associate Fellow Daniel Lambach, INEF members Felix Bethke and Markus Bayer together with Matteo Dressler und Véronique Dudouet. Six country case studies from Africa and Latin America highlight the relevance and opportunities for peace activism.

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**INEF has joined Twitter**

From now on, INEF is sharing news on publications, projects and events also via its twitter account.

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**#Brandt40**

**North-South: A Programme for Survival – the Brandt Report at 40**

In 1980, Willy Brandt presented the report of the Independent Commission on International Development Issues “North-South: A Programme for Survival” to the UN Secretary-General. How relevant is the Brandt Report today? Are there still lessons to be learned? In our #Brandt40 series, we highlight inspirational ideas from the report. So far, 18 out of 40 excerpts of the report have been published. Have a look at our website!
INEF project on digital interest representation in the Global South

Digitalization affects the organization of global supply chains. This also changes procedures and possibilities of transnational labor regulation. Christian Scheper and Carolina Vestena together with the Institute for Social Movements at Ruhr-University Bochum analyze the impacts of digital tools for communication and participation in global value chains for workers in the Global South.

Dr Carolina Vestena is new researcher at INEF

In the beginning of April, Carolina Vestena has joined INEF to work in the project “Digital Tools and Interest Organization in the Global South”. In 2016, she completed her PhD in law at the State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In her dissertation, Dr Vestena examined Brazil’s social policy during the Workers’ Party governments (2003-2015). At the moment, she is working on her second doctoral project studying forms of interaction between social movements and legal institutions in the course of the European mobilization processes after the financial crisis of 2008.