

Dear Reader,

At the turn of the year, a new chapter of regional African cooperation and integration begins. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) could dynamise intra-African trade and give a new boost to economic development.

At the same time, there are concerns about further deepening inequalities and resulting social tensions. The virtual **Potsdam Winter Dialogues 2020** are therefore devoted to the question of how a socially sustainable trade liberalisation in Africa can succeed and how Germany and the EU can support this goal. Further articles in this newsletter also deal with the topic of trade and global public goods.

We wish you an enjoyable read, happy holidays and all the best for the New Year!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### : Building Sustainability into African Free Trade

#### **Potsdam Winter Dialogues 2020**

**14-15 December, online**

The focus of the **Potsdam Winter Dialogues 2020** will be on the African Continental Free Trade Agreement. We look forward to discussing the opportunities and challenges at the heart of the continent's economic integration with a wide range of African and European experts. How can the free trade area contribute to economic recovery and create as many jobs as possible? How can small economies or workers in the informal sector also benefit?

If you are interested in joining us to discuss these questions, please send a message (indicating your professional background) to [hansel@sef-bonn.org](mailto:hansel@sef-bonn.org).



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## : Why do global institutions change over time?

**39th Käte Hamburger Lecture**  
**15 December, online**

Entitled the “**The Ebb and Flow of Global Governance**”, the next Käte Hamburger Lecture of the Käte Hamburger Kolleg (KHK)/Center for Global Cooperation Research (GCR21) focuses on variants of global institutions. Looking at regimes in global health, labour and technical standards, Alexandru Grigorescu, Professor of Political Science at the Loyola University of Chicago, suggests that the link between domestic and global preferences of the most powerful states serves to best explain variation in global governance arrangements across different policy fields over time.

Please register [here](#) if you are interested in participating.

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## PAST EVENTS



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## : EU-Africa Trade Arrangements at a Crossroads

**sef: Policy Lunch**  
**17 November 2020, online**

One key to Africa’s economic development is the strengthening of intra-African trade. Great hopes are therefore placed in the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which is to come into force at the beginning of 2021. But how do the EU’s trade policy approaches affect African efforts to deepen trade cooperation and to create regional value chains? From the perspective of African experts, how should the EU adjust its policy in order to promote the continent’s independent economic development? These questions were discussed at the **sef: Policy Lunch**. Read the **conference report** now!

On our website you will also find **video recordings** of our discussion!

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## : Reducing Social Inequality – Strategies at Local Level

### **Bonn Symposium**

**5-6 November 2020, online**

All over the globe, the coronavirus pandemic reveals and aggravates problems of social inequality. At the same time, many local communities and city governments take innovative and extraordinary steps to strengthen social cohesion. How can we build on such initiatives to make our communities integrative and fair on a larger scale? What is our vision of social justice and equality at the local level in 2030? On November 5th and 6th 2020, we virtually met with more than a hundred local policymakers, scientists and activists at the **Bonn Symposium 2020** to tackle these questions and to identify workable solutions.

On our website you will find **video recordings** of short inputs and lectures. More videos as well as a short conference report will be available soon!



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## : The World Trade System after COVID-19: Pathways towards welfare-oriented trade policy

### **International sef: Expert Workshop**

**24-25 September 2020, Duisburg and online**

The world trade system was already in deep crisis before the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has exposed a further weakness of global trade liberalisation: the crisis vulnerability of a world economy structured by a division of labour and global supply chains. The aim of the **Expert Workshop** held by sef: and INEF was to draw lessons from the crisis. Some 40 academics, business representatives and civil society actors discussed strategies that could make the world trade system more resilient and sustainable.

You can now find the main findings in our **report**. We also recommend a number of **short video clips** from the event, which you will also find on our website.

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## PUBLICATIONS



### : Tech Power to the People!

#### GLOBAL TRENDS. ANALYSIS 3|2020

Under the title "**Tech Power to the People! Democratising Cutting-edge Technologies to Serve Society**", Guatemalan human rights lawyer Renata Ávila Pinto describes the rapidly advancing technologisation of state services. However, the hoped-for increase in efficiency and cost reduction is associated with the risks of discrimination and surveillance. Ávila Pinto therefore calls for the design of tech interventions in the public sector to be guided more strongly by human rights, democratic rules and the objectives of sustainable development. This requires a greater degree of independence from big tech companies, participatory design and testing in collaboration with the communities the technologies are intended to serve.



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### : Reframing global health during and after COVID-19

#### Contribution to the Corona Forum of ZeFKo (Studies in Peace and Conflict)

With "**The Threat of Thinking in Threats**" INEF Researchers Elena Sondermann and Cornelia Ulbert critically engage with narratives of global health security and show how the logic of exceptionalism is limiting current responses to the pandemic. They conceptualise an alternative narrative based on the logic of solidarity.

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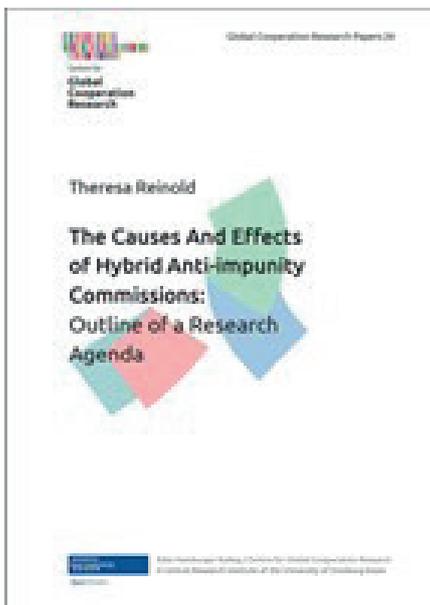


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## : Reflections on global commons

### New edition of „Global Cooperation Research - A Quarterly Magazine“

This **publication** of the Center for Global Cooperation Research (GCR21) focuses on pressing problems of degradation and depletion of global commons and calls for global cooperation to protect and maintain them. Contributions cover reevaluating the commons in the field of deep seabed minerals (Isabel Feichtner), politics of redrawing boundaries in the Arctic's pristine ecosystem (Maren Hofius) and the appropriation of the global cyberspace through commonswashing (Mélanie Dulong de Rosnay). Bettina Mahler's tribute in honour of Amartya Sen highlights his contribution to global cooperation.



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## : Hybrid solutions to fight anti-impunity

### New Global Cooperation Research Paper of the Center for Global Cooperation Research (GCR21)

Hybrid anti-impunity commissions have begun to proliferate in Latin America. Theresa Reinold, Junior Professor of global and transnational cooperation research at the University of Duisburg-Essen, highlights the broader trend of hybrid solutions in global governance before discussing causes and effects of the commissions and outlining a **research agenda**.

## SEF:/INEF INSIDE



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### : #Brandt40

#### Finale of the sef: online campaign for the 40th anniversary of the Brandt Report

On the occasion of this year's anniversary of the report of the Independent Commission on International Development Issues chaired by Willy Brandt, the sef: has published 40 **quotations** from the report that are still worthy of consideration, spread over the year 2020. What is the report's relevance today, 40 years after its publication? What unresolved challenges, which the Brandt

Commission had already set its sights on, are we facing in 2020? What has changed for the better, what new problems have arisen? Let yourself be inspired and click through the **38 quotes** published so far.



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### : Party competition and jihadist radicalisation in sub-Saharan Africa

#### New research project at INEF

Over the past three decades militant Islamism has been on the rise in sub-Saharan Africa. Existing research has focused on the enabling conditions for collective jihadist radicalisation. INEF Vice Director Christof Hartmann and INEF Researcher Jannis Saalfeld take a different approach: Their new research project, funded by the German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF), studies factors working against the popularisation of militant Islamist ideologies and explore the preventive capacities of party politics based on comparative research on Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana and Mozambique.

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