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## Current position

*Associate Professor Development Economics.* ETH Zurich, Switzerland

*Director Center for Development and Cooperation (NADEL).* ETH Zurich, Switzerland

## Research Interests

Measurement and Impact of Inequality • Population and Urbanization Dynamics • Technologies and Policies for Basic Service Delivery • Responsible Resource Extraction and Use • Effectiveness of Development Policies and Aid • Sub-Saharan Africa.

## Appointments held

Currently	<i>Associate Professor Development Economics.</i> ETH Zurich, Switzerland <i>Director Center for Development and Cooperation (NADEL).</i> ETH Zurich, Switzerland
2008 - 2014	<i>Assistant Professor Development Economics.</i> ETH Zurich, Switzerland
2013	<i>Theodor Heuss Guest Assistant Professor.</i> New School for Social Research, New York, USA
2007-2008	<i>Post-Doctoral Fellow.</i> Harvard University, Cambridge, USA
2007	<i>Teaching Associate.</i> Stellenbosch University, South Africa
2006	<i>Research Associate.</i> Institut de Recherche de Développement (DIAL), Paris, France
2004-2007	<i>Research and Teaching Associate.</i> University of Göttingen, Germany

## Education

2004-2007	<b>University of Göttingen</b> , <i>PhD in Economics (summa cum laude).</i> Göttingen, Germany
2002-2003	<b>Vienna School of Int. Studies</b> , <i>MA International Affairs (with honors).</i> Vienna, Austria
1998-2002	<b>European School of Business</b> , <i>Dipl.-Betriebswirtin.</i> Reutlingen, Germany <b>Northeastern University</b> , <i>BA International Business.</i> Boston, USA

## Awards

- Sep 2016 **Publication Award for Improving the Practice of Policy Evaluation, 3000 CHF**  
Swiss Evaluation Society (SEVAL)
- Oct 2013 **Best Practice Award for Cooperation between Research and Practice, 3000 Euro**  
Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet)
- Jun 2012 **Publication Award for Excellence in Applied Development Research, 5000 Euro**  
Research Committee on Development Economics (AEL), Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS)
- Oct 2008 **Best PhD Award in Economics at University of Göttingen, 1000 Euro**  
Gustav-Hopf-Preis in Economics, University of Göttingen
- Sep 2006 **Award for Outstanding Publication of Young Scientist, 2500 Euro**  
Stiftungsrat, University of Göttingen

## Research grants

- Sep 2018 - **Shared Sanitation Measurement in Kenya, Ghana and Bangladesh**  
Co-PI with EAWAG, WSUP
- Oct 2017 - **Sustainable Extraction of Minerals: Focus Gold**  
Co-PI with various research groups at ETH, ETH
- Jun 2017 - **Linking Education and Labor Markets to improve the Income of the Youth**  
Co-PI with KOF, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF, r4d)
- Jan 2017 - **Managing Urban Growth: Towards Safer, More Inclusive Cities**  
Co-PI with UTT, Center for Security Studies (CSS), Energy Conversion Lab, ETH
- Jan 2016 - **Health Systems Governance for Inclusive Health Protection**  
Co-PI with SwissTPH and SUPSI, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF, r4d)
- 2014 - 2016 **Solar Lights for Poverty Reduction**  
PI, Google
- 2013 - 2014 **Microfinance and Urban Poverty**  
PI, KfW Development Bank
- 2011 - 2014 **Economic Solutions for Sanitation Services in Poor Urban Settlements**  
PI, European Research Area (ERA) EU-FP7
- 2011 - 2013 **New Perspectives on Aid Effectiveness**  
PI, KfW Development Bank
- 2010 - 2014 **Promoting Sanitation through Economic Benefits of Nutrient Recovery**  
Researcher, PI: EAWAG, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- 2009 - 2011 **Impact of Rural Water Interventions in Benin**  
Co-PI with University Amsterdam, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation Germany (BMZ)
- 2009 - 2010 **Water, Sanitation and Child Mortality in Developing Countries**  
Co-PI with Harvard University, World Bank (WB)

## Own Data Collection

- 2019 - 2020 RCT and household panel (2 waves), 800 households, South Africa
- 2018 Online experiment, LINK, 2500 individuals, Switzerland
- 2018 Online experiment, Mturk, 10.000 individuals, USA
- 2018 Online experiment, Mturk, 5.000 individuals, USA
- 2018 Online experiment, Mturk, 3.000 individuals, USA
- 2015 - 2016 RCT and household panel (3 waves), 1.500 rural households, Kenya
- 2014 - 2017 Behavioral lab experiments, 500 students, Switzerland

2013 - 2014	Survey and behavioral experiments (2 waves), 1.200 urban households, Uganda
2012 - 2016	Oversubscription approach and student panel (2 waves), 500 students, Kenya
2011 - 2013	Survey and choice experiments (2 waves), 1.200 urban households, South Africa
2010 - 2013	RCT and household panel (3 waves), 1.500 urban households, Uganda
2009 - 2010	RCT and household panel (2 waves), 700 rural households, Benin
2009 - 2010	Diff-in-Diff and household panel (4 waves), 2000 rural households, Benin

## Associations

EUDN – European Development Network - *by election*  
SDNS - Sustainable Development Solutions Network Switzerland - *by invitation*  
KFPE - Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries - *by election*  
AEL - German Research Committee on Development Economics - *by election*  
PEGNet - Poverty Reduction, Equity and Growth Network - *by invitation*

European Economic Association (EEA), European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW), Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Development Economics Network Switzerland (DENS)

## ETH Committee Work

ETH KIKRI child care board (since 2016)  
ETH Global R4D Committee (since 2013)  
ETH NADEL Teaching Commission (since 2009)  
ETH Professorial Selection Committees: 2009, 2012, 2015, 2016 (2)  
ETH D-GESS Teaching Commission (2012-2017)  
ETH representative at Swissuniversities Development and Cooperation Network (SUDAC) (since 2015)

## Languages

German (native speaker), English (fluent), French (not as good as I wish for)

## Referee Work

Agricultural Economics	Journal of Development Studies
Demography	Journal of Econ Behavior & Organization
Development and Change	Journal of Development Economics
Environmental Science & Technology	Oxford Development Studies
European Journal of Development Research	Population Studies
Environmental Science & Technology	Review of International Economics
Economics and Human Biology	Review of Income and Wealth
Feminist Economics	Review of Development Economics
Journal of Economic Inequality	SCIENCE
Journal of African Economies	Review of International Organizations

## PhD Students

Mar 2019 -	Kathrin Durizzo, Funding: SNF
Oct 2018 -	Dario Meili, Funding: ETH Zürich
Oct 2017 -	Antoinette van der Merwe, Supervisor, Funding: Reserves/ISTP
Oct 2017 -	Kudrzycki, Bartlomiej, Supervisor, Funding: SNF
Jun 2017 -	Yael Borofsky, Supervisor, Funding: Reserves/ISTP
Dec 2016 -	Selina Bezzola, Supervisor, Funding: SNF
May 2015 -	Samuel Tetteh-Baah, Supervisor, Funding: ETH Zürich
Sep 14 – Oct 18	Adina Rom, Supervisor, Funding: Google, Next: <b>ETH Zürich</b> & <b>Policy Analytics</b>
Jan 13 – Jun 17	Joeri Smits, Supervisor, Funding: ETH Zürich, Next: <b>Yale University</b>
May 11 – Oct 15	Japheth Kwiringira, Supervisor, Funding: ERA EU-FP7, Next: <b>Makerere University</b>
Oct 10 – Nov 15	Laura Metzger, Supervisor, Funding: KfW Development Bank, Next: <b>Harvard University</b>
Nov 10 – Jan 15	Elisabeth Tilley, Supervisor, Funding: Gates Foundation, Next: <b>Malawi University</b>
Sep 09 – Jun 15	Alexandra Horst, Supervisor, Funding: ERA EU-FP 7, Next: <b>World Bank</b>
Sep 09 – Dec 13	Jonathan Gheysens, Supervisor, Funding: ETH Zürich, Next: <b>United Nations (UNEP)</b>
Dec 08 – Oct 12	Elena Gross, Supervisor, Funding: University of Göttingen, Next: <b>Bayreuth University</b>
2019	Viola Asri, University Zürich, Member PhD Committee
2017	Anna Brüderle, University St. Gallen, Member PhD Committee
2017	Marie Ferré, ETH Zürich, Member PhD Committee
2017	Deborah Kistler, University Lausanne, Member PhD Committee
2015	Marie Boltz-Laemmel, Paris School of Economics, Member PhD Committee
2015	Lea Rouanet, Paris School of Economics, Member PhD Committee
2013	Dan Liu, ZEF Bonn, Member PhD Committee
2011	Edward Nketiah-Amponsah, ZEF Bonn, Member PhD Committee
2010	Anke Weber, University Zurich, Member PhD Committee

## Teaching ETH since 2010

Microeconomics of Development, MAS (HS18, HS16, HS14, HS12, HS10, HS08)  
Applied Statistics and Policy Evaluation MA, (HS18, HS16, HS15)  
PhD Colloquium Development Economics (HS18, HS17, HS16, HS15, HS14, HS13, HS12, HS11)  
Applied Empirical Research, BA/MA (FS18, FS17, FS 16)  
Development Economics, BA/MA (FS18, FS17, FS 16, FS15, HS13, HS12, HS11, HS10)  
Strategic Questions of Development Cooperation, MAS (HS18, FS16, HS15, FS15, FS11)  
Policy Impact Evaluations: Methods and Applications, MAS (HS17, FS15, HS13, FS12, FS10)  
International Aid and Development, BA/MA (HS17, FS14, FS12, FS10)

## Additional Lectures

Sep 2018	<b>ETH Zürich</b> , CAS in Policy and Advocacy, Evidence-based policy making, ½ day
Oct 2017	<b>University of Ghana</b> , Quantitative Impact Analysis, 1/2 day
Jun 2017	<b>ETH Zürich</b> , CAS in Policy and Advocacy, Evidence-based policy making, ½ day
Oct 16	<b>University of Bern</b> , CAS Gender, Justice and Globalisation, Gender Inequality, ½ day

FS 13	<b>News School for Social Research - USA</b> , Economics, Politics, and History of Aid
Nov 2012	<b>University of Abomey-Calavi - Benin</b> , Quantitative Impact Analysis, 5 days
Oct 2012	<b>Tufts University - USA</b> , Risk, Poverty and Development, 2 days
Jul 2012	<b>ETH Summer School</b> , Eating Tomorrow, Economics of Famines, ½ day
Jun 2012	<b>University of Göttingen – Germany</b> , Risk, Poverty and Development, 2 days
Jun 2011	<b>University of Göttingen – Germany</b> , Risk, Poverty and Development, 2 days
Mar 2011	<b>Bread for All (BfA)</b> , Development Evaluation, 3 days
Nov 2010	<b>Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs</b> , Development Evaluation, 3 days
Jun 2010	<b>ETH Summer School - Ethiopia</b> , Economics of Slums and Urban Poverty, 1 day
Jun 2009	<b>Swiss Development Agency (SDC)</b> , Quantitative Development Evaluation, 2 days
Mar 2007	<b>Central Statistical Agency (CSA) - Ethiopia</b> , STATA Programming, 5 days
Sep 2005	<b>Ministry of Economics and Finance - Burkina Faso</b> , Policy Micro-Simulations, 5 days
Apr 2005	<b>African Development Bank - Tunisia</b> , Economics and Analysis of Poverty, 1 day
Sep 2004	<b>Ministry of Economics and Finance - Burkina Faso</b> , Policy Micro-Simulations, 5 days

## Formal Didactical Training

Nov 2015	Communicating with the Media, 2 days, MAZ Luzern
Mai 2015	MOOCs and Videos for Teaching, 1 day, ETH Zurich didactica course
Apr 2015	Mobile Voting and Feedback Systems, 1 day, ETH Zurich didactica course
Jan 2012	Speaking to large audiences, 1 day, ETH Zurich didactica course
Jan 2011	Teaching at ETH: Committed and skilled, 5 days, ETH Zurich didactica course
2010 - 2011	ETH Innovedum - Teaching Grant to develop simulation
Apr 2009	Improved Teaching Communication, 2 days, University of Zurich didactica course

## Public Collaborations/Consultancies (since 2009)

2018	Swiss Development Agency (SDC) – <i>Future Role of NGOs</i>
2015 -	Swiss Development Agency (SDC) – <i>Evidence-based policy making</i>
2013 -	AIDUCATION (Swiss NGO) – <i>Scholarships</i>
2014 - 2016	Solairaid (UK NGO) – <i>Solar Lights</i>
2013 - 2014	FINCA (East-African Microfinance Institution) – <i>Microfinance</i>
2013 - 2014	German Development Bank (KfW) – <i>Microfinance</i>
2013	HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation (Swiss NGO) – <i>Water &amp; Sanitation</i>
2012 -2013	German Development Agency (GIZ) – <i>Water &amp; Sanitation</i>
2012	HEKS (Swiss NGO) – <i>Aid Effectiveness</i>
2011 - 2013	German Development Bank (KfW) – <i>Aid Effectiveness</i>
2011 - 2012	SSWARS (Ugandan NGO) - <i>Water &amp; Sanitation</i>
2011	Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) - <i>Methods</i>
2011	Bread for All (Swiss NGO) – <i>Methods</i>
2010 - 2011	The World Bank – <i>Water &amp; Sanitation</i>
2010	Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) – <i>Methods</i>
2009 - 2011	Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) – <i>Water &amp; Sanitation</i>
2009	Swiss Development Agency (SDC) – <i>Methods</i>

## Publications in Peer-Reviewed Outlets

Metzger L. and I. Günther (2019) Making an impact? The relevance of information on aid effectiveness for charitable giving. A laboratory experiment. **Journal of Development Economics**, 136: 18-33.

Smits J. and I. Günther (2018). Do financial diaries affect financial outcomes? Evidence from a randomized experiment in Uganda. **Development Engineering**, 3: 72-82.

Gross E., Günther I. and Y. Schipper (2018). Women: Walking and Waiting for Water. The Time Value of Public Water Supply. **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, 66(3): 489-517.

Tilley E., Logar, I. and I. Günther (2017). The Effect of Giving Respondents Time to Think in a Choice Experiment: A Conditional Cash Transfer Program in South Africa. **Environment and Development Economics**, 22(2): 202-227.

Günther I., Grosse M. and S. Klasen (2017). How to attract an audience at a conference: Paper, Person or Place? **German Economic Review**, 18(4): 468-491.

Tilley E., and I. Günther (2016). The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfer on Toilet Use in eThek-wini, South Africa. **Sustainability**, 8(10): 1070.

Günther I. and K. Harttgen (2015). Fertility Desire and Number of Children Born across Time and Space. **Demography**. Advance online publication. DOI: 10.1007/s13524-015-0451-9.

Metzger L. and I. Günther (2015). How to Assess the Effectiveness of Development Aid Projects: Evaluation Ratings versus Project Indicators? **Journal of International Development**, 27(8): 1496-1520.

Gross E. and I. Günther (2014). Why do households invest in sanitation in rural Benin: health, wealth, or prestige? **Water Resources Research**, 50(10): 8314-8329.

Fink, G., Günther I. and K. Hill (2014). Slum Residence and Child Health in Developing Countries. **Demography**, 51 (4): 1175-1197.

Günther I. and J. Maier (2014). Poverty, Vulnerability and Reference Dependent Utility. **Review of Income and Wealth**, 60(1): 155-181.

Canning D., Günther I., Linnemayr S. and D.Bloom (2013). Fertility Choice, Mortality Expectations and Interdependent Preferences. An Empirical Analysis. **European Economic Review**, 63: 273-289.

Günther I. and Y.Schipper (2013). Pumps, Germs and Storage. The impact of improved water containers on water quality and health. **Health Economics**. 22(7): 757-774.

Günther I. and G.Fink (2012). Saving a Life-Year and Reaching MDG 4 with Investments in Water and Sanitation. A Cost-effective Policy? **European Journal of Development Research**. Advance online publication. DOI: 10.1057/ejdr.2012.24.

Günther I. and K. Harttgen (2012). Deadly Cities? Spatial Inequalities in Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa. **Population and Development Review**. 38 (3): 469-486.

Günther I. and A. Launov (2012). Informal Employment in Developing Countries: Opportunity or Last Resort? **Journal of Development Economics**, 97 (1): 88-98.

Fink, G., Günther I. and K. Hill (2011). The Effect of Water and Sanitation on Child Health: Evidence from the Demographic and Health Surveys 1986-2007. **International Journal of Epidemiology**, 40 (5):1196-1204.

Günther I. and S. Klasen (2009). Measuring Chronic Non-Income Poverty. In: T. Addison, D. Hulme and R. Kanbur (eds.), **Poverty Dynamics: Towards Inter-Disciplinary Approaches**. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Günther I. and K. Harttgen (2009). Estimating Households' Vulnerability to Idiosyncratic and Covariate Shocks: A Novel Method Applied in Madagascar. **World Development**, 37 (7): 1222-1234.

Günther I. and M. Grimm (2007). Measuring pro-poor growth when relative prices shift. **Journal of Development Economics**, 82 (1): 245-256.

Grimm M. and I. Günther (2007). Growth and Poverty in Burkina Faso. A Reassessment of the Paradox. **Journal of African Economies**, 16 (1): 70-101.

Grimm M. and I. Günther (2007). Pro-Poor Growth in Burkina Faso. The Impact of Price Shocks. In: M. Grimm, A. McKay and S. Klasen (eds.), **Determinants of Pro-Poor Growth**. London: Palgrave-Macmillan.

## Other Publications

Kudrzycki B. and I. Günther (2018). Improving Development Policies with Impact Evaluations. **Rural** 21, 18(1): 6-8.

Roque H., Rom A., Metzger L., Kudrzycki B. and I. Günther (2018). Research Evidence and Impact Evaluations at Swiss Development Cooperation. **Research for Policy**, ETH Zurich.

Günther, I., Harttgen K. and T. Manrique Roa (2018). National inequalities and how to address them. Summary of the PEGNet Conference 2017. **Research for Policy**, ETH Zurich.

Günther, I., Harttgen K., Grosse, M. and S. Vollmer (2017). (Eds.) **50 x 50: For Stephan Klasen's 50th Birthday. 50 Economists answer 50 Questions**. Zürich: vdf University Press.

Rom, A., Günther, I. and K. Harrison (2017). **The economic impact of solar lighting. Results from a randomized field experiment in rural Kenya**. Zürich: NADEL Center for Development and Cooperation, ETH Zürich.

Günther I. (2016). Wirksame Entwicklungshilfe baut auf Fakten. **Die Volkswirtschaft**, 3/2016.

Günther I., Horst A., Borofsky Y. and C. Niwagaba C. (2016). How to increase toilet coverage among the urban poor? The effects of information, subsidies and financing on private investment

in improved sanitation in Kampala, Uganda. **Research for Policy** 3, ETH Zurich.

Fink G., Günther I. and K. Hill (2016). Urban Mortality Transitions: The Role of Slums. In: D.R. Fariñas and M. Oris, **New Approaches to Death in Cities during the Health Transition**. Cham: Springer International Publishing.

Günther, I., Smits, J., Terberger, E., and T. Gietzen (2014). Financial Struggling in Uganda: Who struggles more and why? **KfW Development Bank, Evaluation Update**, 2014/2.

Tilley, E. and I. Günther (2014). Mobile phones for collecting WASH data in low-income countries. **Proceedings of the 37th WEDC International Conference - Sustainable Water and Sanitation Services for All in a Fast Changing World**. 15–19 September 2014, Hanoi, Vietnam

Günther I. and A. Horst (2014). Access to better Toilets - How to improve the sanitation situation in slum settlements. **Development and Cooperation**, 55(5).

Lüthi C., Niwagaba C., Günther I., Horst A., Mulongo P. and R. Grüter (2013). VIP construction in the slum areas of Kampala, Uganda. **Technical Fact Sheet**, ETH Zurich.

Günther I., Horst A., Lüthi C., Mosler H., Niwagaba C. and I. Tumwebaze (2012). When is shared sanitation improved sanitation? The correlation between number of users and toilet hygiene. **Research for Policy** 2, ETH Zurich.

Gheysens J. and I. Günther (2012). Risk experiments in gains and losses: A case study for Benin. **UN-WIDER Research Paper**, WP2012/38.

Günther I. and G.Fink (2011). Water and Sanitation to Reduce Child Mortality: The Impact and Cost of Water and Sanitation Infrastructure. **World Bank Policy Research Paper** 5618.

Günther I., Horst A., Lüthi C., Mosler H., Niwagaba C. and I. Tumwebaze (2011). Where do Kampala's poor "go"? Urban sanitation conditions in Kampala's low-income area. **Research for Policy** 1, ETH.

Günther I. and Y. Schipper (2011). Impact Analysis – Chapter 3. In: IOB/KfW/BMZ (eds.), **Impact evaluation of water supply and sanitation programs. The risk of vanishing effects**. Den Hague: IOB.

Günther I. and G.Fink (2010). Water, Sanitation and Child Health - Evidence from 172 DHS Surveys. **World Bank Policy Research Paper** 5275.

Günther I. (2010). Econometric Analysis in Poverty Research. Book Review. **Journal of Economics and Statistics**, 230(6): 832-833.

Olapade M. and I. Günther (2009). A Review of the Nonfarm Sector in Rural Ethiopia: Characteristics and Dynamics. World Bank Background Paper for: **Ethiopia. Diversifying the Rural Economy. An Assessment of the Investment Climate for Small and Informal Enterprises**. Washington: The World Bank.

Günther I. (2009). Quantitative Methods for Impact Analysis in Development Cooperation, 2009. In: KfW Entwicklungsbank (ed.), **Entwicklung evaluieren. Evaluierung entwickeln**. Frankfurt: KfW Bankengruppe



Günther I. (2007). **Empirical Analysis of Poverty Dynamics. With Case Studies from Sub-Saharan Africa.** Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang Verlag.

Günther I. and S. Klasen (2006). (Eds.) **Amartya Sen: Perspectives on the Economic and Human Development of India and China.** Göttingen: Göttingen University Press.

Grimm M. and I. Günther (2004). **How to achieve Pro-Poor Growth in a Poor Economy. The Case of Burkina Faso.** Report prepared for the Operationalizing Pro-Poor-Growth (OPPG) project by the WB, GTZ, DFID and AFD.

## Invited Presentations (2012-2017)

- 2017 DEZA, Bern, Switzerland. Science City, ETH Zürich. Zürich, Switzerland. Poverty, Equity and Growth (PEGNET). Zürich, Switzerland. Verein für Socialpolitik - AEL. Göttingen, Germany. Finance and Development, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. Economics Research Seminar, University of Lausanne, Switzerland. Economics Research Seminar, Hannover University, Germany. SEVAL Meeting, Bern, Switzerland. INED conference on fertility in SSA, Paris, France. Annual Conference of Center for Child well-being and Development (CCWD), Zürich, Switzerland. Annual Conference of the Development Economics Network Switzerland (DENS), Fribourg, Switzerland.
- 2016 Economics Research Seminar, University of Fribourg, Switzerland. Research Seminar, Brussels School of Economics and Management, Brussel, Belgium. Finance and Development, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. Centre for Studies of African Economies (CSAE), Oxford, UK. Verein für Socialpolitik – AEL, Heidelberg, Germany.
- 2015 Research Seminar, University of Lausanne, Switzerland. Research Seminar, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. Verein für Socialpolitik, Münster, Germany. Impact Evaluations for NGOs, Swiss Development Agency (SDC), Bern, Switzerland. Globalization and Development, University of Göttingen, Germany. Research Seminar, University St. Gallen, Switzerland. Research Seminar, Institute of Aquatic Research (EAWAG), Duebendorf, Switzerland.
- 2014 My son was born: conference and research seminar break.
- 2013 Poverty, Equity and Growth (PEGNET). Copenhagen, Denmark. Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ). Bari, Italy. Research Seminar, University of Göttingen. Göttingen, Germany. Research Seminar, New School for Social Research, New York, USA. Centre for Studies of African Economies (CSAE). Oxford, UK.
- 2012 Public Lecture, Institute for Environmental Decisions (IED). Zürich, Switzerland. Research Seminar, LMU Munich. Munich, Germany. Poverty, Equity and Growth (PEGNET). Dakar, Senegal. Verein für Socialpolitik. Göttingen, Germany. Verein für Socialpolitik - AEL. Bonn, Germany. Gender, Research and Development, Zürich, Switzerland. Research Seminar, University of Göttingen. Göttingen, Germany. European Society of Population Economics (ESPE). Bern, Switzerland. Health, Inequality and Development. Darmstadt, Germany. Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Bonn, Germany. Annual Meeting of Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC). Bern, Switzerland.