



Workshop

Analyzing Global Development with the Geocoded Official Development Assistance Dataset (GODAD)

Date: March 13-14, 2025

Location: Göttingen Observatory, [Geismar Landstraße 11](#), 37083 Göttingen, Germany

Organizers: Pietro Bompreszi, Axel Dreher, Andreas Fuchs, Lennart Kaplan, and Silvia Marchesi

Program as of March 12, 2025

Wednesday, 12 March 2025

19:00 Optional Welcome Dinner at [Bullerjahn](#) (at own expense)

Thursday, 13 March 2025

8:30 Registration and coffee

9:00 **Welcome** by [Andreas Fuchs](#) (University of Göttingen)

9:15 **Presentation of GODAD** by [Pietro Bompreszi](#) (University of Hannover)

10:15 Coffee break

10:45 Paper Session 1

***Aid Effectiveness I** (Green Room)*

Chair: Axel Dreher

Does Bilateral Aid Work Better Through Multilateral Channels? Evidence from the GODAD Database

[Bernhard Reinsberg](#) (University of Glasgow)

Discussants: Lennart Kaplan (University of Göttingen) and Nara Sritharan (AidData)

Competition or Chaos? Donor Fragmentation and the Politics of Aid Effectiveness

Ethan Sager (Georgetown University) and [Jennifer Tobin](#) (Georgetown University)

Discussants: Jan Priebe (Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine) and Keyi Tang (ESADE Business School)

The Effect of Foreign Aid on Migration

[Andreas Fuchs](#) (University of Göttingen), Andre Groeger (Barcelona School of Economics), [Tobias Heidland](#) (Kiel Institute), and Lukas Wellner (Monash University)

Discussants: Christopher Kilby (Villanova University) and Jens Eger (German Institute for Development Evaluation and University of Göttingen)

12:30 Group Photo and Lunch

13:30 Paper Session 2

Terror and War (Green Room)

Chair: Lennart Kaplan

Infrastructure, Rebel Attacks, and State Violence

Songtao Duan (Penn State University)

Discussants: Alexander Bareis (University of Siegen) and Michael Stelzig (University of Zurich)

The Impact of Terrorist Designations on Aid Allocation: Evidence from Yemen

Narayani Sriharan (AidData) and Magnus Lundgren (University of Gothenburg)

Discussants: Laura Wedemeyer (University of Göttingen) and Marina Dodlova (University of Münster)

From Destruction to Development: Foreign Aid and Economic Reconstruction after Civil Wars

Michael Stelzig (University of Zürich)

Discussants: Sarah Langlotz (University of Göttingen) and Laura Metzger (Radboud University)

Aid Allocation (Red Room)

Chair: Pietro Bompreszi

Does Official Development Assistance Predict Coordination Among National Development Finance Institutions?

Nicolas Bau (University of Geneva), Simone Dietrich (University of Geneva), Jing Qian (New York University Shanghai), and Duy Trinh (Princeton University)

Discussants: Tobias Heidland (Kiel Institute) and Pietro Bompreszi (University of Hannover)

News Media Coverage and Foreign Aid Allocation: A Sub-National Analysis Using Novel Geocoded Data

Pauline Hoffmann (Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen)

Discussants: Axel Dreher (Heidelberg University) and Jennifer Tobin (Georgetown University)

Economic Ties and Aid Allocation

Pietro Bompreszi (University of Hannover), Mattia Longhi (University of Milano Bicocca), and Silvia Marchesi (University of Milano Bicocca)

Discussants: Samuel Brazys (University College Dublin) and Alicia Chen (Stanford University)

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 Paper Session 3

Emerging Donors (Green Room)

Chair: Andreas Fuchs

Regional Effects of the Belt and Road Initiative Transport Infrastructure

Alexander Bareis (University of Siegen), Thushyanthan Baskaran (Ruhr University Bochum), Patrick Hufschmid (TU Dortmund), and Kim Leonie Kellermann (Ruhr University Bochum)

Discussants: Nathalie Ferrière (Sciences Po Aix and AMSE) and Charlotte Robert (Heidelberg University)

Agriculture and Climate (Red Room)

Chair: Lisa Dellmuth

Increasing Non-Farm Enterprise Performance through Aid Projects in Nigeria

Francesco Androni (Gran Sasso Science Institute)

Discussants: Tobias Heidland (Kiel Institute) and Ivana Rudinac (Central European University)

Geopolitics and Aid Allocation – A Subnational Analysis of Chinese and Western Aid

Tim Röthel (German Institute of Development and Sustainability)

Discussants: Anja Jetschke (University of Göttingen) and Silvia Marchesi (University of Milano Bicocca)

Climate Adaptation: Assessing the Relationship between Aid Flows and Need

Sarah Bermeo (Duke University)

Discussants: Lisa Dellmuth (Stockholm University) and Jingke Pan (Heidelberg University)

The Deforestation Effect of Climate Aid

Bertille Daran (University Paris Saclay) and Clément Nedoncelle (University Paris Saclay)

Discussants: Simon Ruhnke (German Institute for Development Evaluation) and Anna Mader (University of Göttingen)

17:30 Beer break and optional guided tour of the Historical Observatory

18:30 Walk to Restaurant

19:00 Dinner at [DT Keller](#)

Friday, 14 March 2025

8:30 Registration and coffee

9:00 Paper Session 4

Aid Effectiveness II (Green Room)

Chair: Christina Schneider

Looking on the Bright Side of Bribes? Exploring the Varied Impacts of Local Corruption on Subnational Development

Lamar G. A. Crombach (ETH Zurich)

Discussants: Bernhard Reinsberg (University of Glasgow) and Nicolas Bau (University of Geneva)

Spatial Links (Red Room)

Chair: Christopher Kilby

How Does Spatial Complexity Impact Development Effectiveness?

Christopher Kilby (Villanova University)

Discussants: Songtao Duan (Penn State University) and Nicole Karnaus (Goethe University)

Aid and Development: A High-Resolution and Comprehensive Donor Perspective

Pietro Bompreszi (University of Hannover),

Axel Dreher (Heidelberg University), Silvia

Marchesi (University of Milano Bicocca),

and Charlotte Robert (Heidelberg

University, Deutsche Bundesbank)

Discussants: Felix Turbanisch (University of Göttingen) and Pauline Hoffmann (Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen)

Mapping Aid's Reach:

Using Isochrones to Analyze Effectiveness of Development Assistance

Jürgen Bitzer (University of Oldenburg),

Bernhard C. Dannemann (University of

Oldenburg), and Erkan Gören (University of Oldenburg)

Discussants: Patrick Hufschmid (TU Dortmund University) and Bertille Daran (University Paris Saclay)

The Role of Regional Aid in Shaping Individual Economic Activity: Insights from Mali

Anna Maria Mader (University of Göttingen), Tim Ölkens (University of Göttingen), and Oliver Mußhoff (University of Göttingen)

Discussants: Adel Daoud (ESADE Business School) and Teresa Hailer (Heidelberg University)

Non-Random Locations of Random Trials?

Anna Minasyan (University of Groningen) Jan Priebe (Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine), and Manuel Santos Silva (Freie Universität Berlin)

Discussants: Bernhard Dannemann (University of Oldenburg) and Tim Röthel (German Institute of Development and Sustainability)

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Paper Session 5

Family Planning Aid (Green Room)

Chair: Sarah Bermeo

Political Participation (Red Room)

Chair: Silvia Marchesi

Fertility Outcomes, Child Mortality and Family Planning Supply: Evidence from Kenya

Nathalie Ferrière (Sciences Po Aix & AMSE) and Rozenn Hotte (University of Tours)

Discussants: Sarah Bermeo (Duke University) and Alina Mulyukova (University of Göttingen)

Development Aid and Political Participation in Malawi

Marina Dodlova (University of Münster)

Discussants: Alexander Bareis (University of Siegen) and Christina Schneider (UC San Diego)

The Perils of Partisanship: The Mexico City Policy and Foreign Aid Competition

Samuel Brazys (University College Dublin)

Carrie Dolan (William & Mary), Seth Goodman (William & Mary), Julius Odhiambo (William & Mary), and Catherine Weaver (University of Texas)

Discussants: Francesco Androni (Gran Sasso Science Institute) and Bernhard Dannemann (University of Oldenburg)

Development Assistance and Governance: How Autocratic Donors Influence State-Citizen Relations in Southeastern Europe

Ivana Rudinac (Central European University)

Discussants: Lamar Crombach (ETH Zürich) and Andreas Fuchs (University of Göttingen and Kiel Institute)

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Paper Session 6

Violence (Green Room)

Chair: Silvia Marchesi

Aid and Conflict, by Donor

Alicia R. Chen (Stanford University)

Discussants: Axel Dreher (Heidelberg University) and Erkan Gören (University of Oldenburg)

Agriculture and Climate (Red Room)

Chair: Nathalie Ferrière

Development Aid Mitigates the Humanitarian Impacts of Climate-related Disasters

Nina von Uexkull (University of Konstanz), Ellen Berntell (Stockholm University), Frida Bender (Stockholm University), Lisa Dellmuth (Stockholm University) and Tanushree Rao (Stockholm University)

Discussants: Jürgen Bitzer (University of Oldenburg) and Mattia Longhi (University of Milano Bicocca)

Aid and Armed Clientelism

Axel Dreher (Heidelberg University),

Jingke Pan (Heidelberg University), and

Christina Schneider (UC San Diego)

Discussants: Antoine Boucher (University of Göttingen) and Anna Minasyan (University of Groningen)

The Influence of Development Aid on Agricultural Productivity: Evidence from a Spatial Quasi-Experimental Design

Nicole Karnaas (Goethe Universität Frankfurt)

Discussants: Nara Sritharan (AidData) and Teresa Hailer (Heidelberg University)

14:40 Coffee Break

15:00 Paper Session 7

Electoral Politics (Green Room)

Chair: Lennart Kaplan

Electoral Strategy and Development Finance: The Impact of District-Level Political Competition in Africa

Keyi Tang (ESADE Business School)

Discussants: Justyna Jantos (University of Göttingen) and Silvia Marchesi (University of Milano Bicocca)

The Electoral Effects of Foreign Aid: Evidence from Sub-National Data

Axel Dreher (Heidelberg University), Jingke Pan (Heidelberg University), Christina Schneider (UC San Diego), and Keyi Tang (ESADE Business School)

Discussants: Jennifer Tobin (Georgetown University) and Tim Ölkens (University of Göttingen)

16:10 Closing Session

16:30 End of workshop

16:45 Hike to Herberhausen

18:30 Dinner at [Landgasthaus Lockemann](#) in Herberhausen (at own expense)

21:00 Transportation back to Göttingen

Notes:

- Plenary sessions will take place in in the Green Room.
- 35 minutes are devoted to each paper in a research session. We aim for short initial presentations. This means a 15-minutes presentation, discussion openers should use 3 minutes to open the discussion (no slides), and the remaining time is for Q&A. Chairs should be strict on time keeping.
- All conference papers can be downloaded at <https://events.gwdg.de/event/1071/>. You can access the papers by logging in with the same email they used to register. These papers are for internal use only. Please do not share them with anyone outside of the workshop group.
- Please send us your presentation slides on the day before your presentation to lisa-marie.kotthoff@uni-goettingen.de.
- During the event, we take photos and videos for our public relations work online and in print media, including social media channels, and in individual cases pass them on to third parties for reporting purposes. If you do not wish to be photographed, please inform one of our local staff or send an email to lisa-marie.kotthoff@uni-goettingen.de.
- On Wednesday through Friday the local buses in Göttingen will be on strike. Fortunately, most accommodations are within walking distance of the observatory, but if you have transportation concerns, please feel free to contact us.
- For transportation between Frankfurt Airport and Göttingen: The most convenient option is taking a direct ICE train from Frankfurt Airport to Göttingen (journey time approximately 2 hours). Alternatively, you can take a train to Frankfurt main station (Frankfurt Hbf) first and then change to an ICE to Göttingen - these connections offer more departure times. The easiest way to book train tickets is through the Deutsche Bahn website (<https://int.bahn.de/en>) or their DB Navigator app (available for iOS and Android). It is recommended to book a flexible ticket in case your flight is delayed.
- Hike on Friday: The hike will be about 1.5 hours long and will go through a park and forest so we recommend appropriate sturdy shoes and an umbrella or raincoat in case of rain.

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