



# Tracking International Aid and Investment from Developing and Emerging Economies

September 22-23, 2017 at Heidelberg University, Germany

Academic research on international aid and investment has largely focused on OECD countries as primary providers of such financing. In recent years, however, aid-like financial flows and foreign direct investments originating from developing and emerging economies, such as China and India, have become sizable. Ignoring the increasingly substantial flows from non-OECD countries leads to an inaccurate picture of global financial flows. A major challenge remains data availability and comparability as most developing countries either do not release comprehensive information on their aid programs and investment activities or lack systematic reporting systems. In tandem with AidData, Heidelberg University's Chair of International and Development Politics has taken up this challenge.

With this workshop, we want to make a wider community of researchers aware of new data on emerging donors, improve existing data products, and stimulate future research using existing and new data. Participants either answer novel questions in economics, political science or other social sciences, or propose methodological advances related to the challenge of tracking developing and emerging countries' aid and investments.

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**Location:** The workshop will take place at Heidelberg University's [International Academic Forum \(IWH\)](#) on September 22-23, 2017 (Hauptstrasse 242, 69117 Heidelberg).

We look forward to welcoming you at Heidelberg University.

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# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

(as of August 21, 2017)

## Thursday, September 21 (Day of Arrival)

7:00pm **Informal Dinner** (at own expense) at [Café Burkhardt](#)  
Untere Str. 27, 69117 Heidelberg

## Friday, September 22

8:30am-9:00am **Registration**

9:00am-9:10am **Opening remarks**, Andreas Fuchs (Heidelberg University)

9:10am-10:00am **Keynote Address by Helen Milner** (Princeton University)  
“The Evolution of the Global Economy and the Foreign Aid Regime”

10:00am-10:30am Coffee break

10:30am-12:15pm **Paper Session 1: New Donors, New Data & New Challenges**

Chair: Vera Z. Eichenauer (ETH Zurich)

- Paper 1: [Angelika Müller](#) (Heidelberg University), [Andreas Fuchs](#) (Heidelberg University). Aid Donors. Discussion openers: TBA.
- Paper 2: [Axel Dreher](#) (Heidelberg University), [Andreas Fuchs](#) (Heidelberg University), Brad Parks (College of William and Mary), [Austin Strange](#) (Harvard University), Michael Tierney (College of William and Mary). Chinese Aid and Economic Growth: Evidence from Global Cross-National Data. Discussion openers: TBA.
- Paper 3: [Christopher Kilby](#) (Villanova University). What We Don't Know: Incorporating Data Uncertainty into Aid Allocation Models. Discussion openers: TBA.

12:15pm-1:15pm Lunch break

1:15pm-3:00pm **Paper Session 2: Chinese Aid and Governance**

Chair: Axel Dreher (Heidelberg University)

- Paper 4: [Weiyi Shi](#) (University of California, San Diego), [Helen Milner](#) (Princeton University). Chinese Aid and Incumbency Advantage: Evidence from Developing Democracies. Discussion openers: TBA.
- Paper 5: [Mengfan Cheng](#) (College of William & Mary), [Matthew Dilorenzo](#) (College of William & Mary). Political Turnover and Chinese Development Cooperation. Discussion openers: TBA.
- Paper 6: [Steve Knack](#) (World Bank), [Kurt Annen](#) (University of Guelph). Better Policies from Policy-selective Aid? The Role of China's Aid. Discussion openers: TBA.

3:00pm-3:30pm Coffee break

3:30pm-5:15pm

### Paper Session 3: Aid Allocation and Competition

Chair: Angelika Müller (Heidelberg University)

- Paper 7: Gerda Asmus (Heidelberg University), Vera Z. Eichenauer (ETH Zurich), Andreas Fuchs (Heidelberg University), Brad Parks (College of William and Mary). A New Scramble for Africa and the World? An Analysis of Chinese and Indian Development Projects. Discussion openers: TBA.
- Paper 8: Alexandra Zeitz (University of Oxford). The Financial Statecraft of Borrowers: Which countries can leverage a diversified financing landscape to their advantage? Discussion openers: TBA.
- Paper 9: Mitchell Watkins (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill). Undermining Conditionality: The Effect of Chinese Development Assistance on Compliance with Western Aid Conditionality. Discussion openers: TBA.

5:15pm-6:00pm

Break

6:00-6:30

Joint walk or ride with the mountain railway to the dinner location

7:00pm-10:00

**Dinner** at [Schlosshotel Molkenkur](#) (by invitation only)  
Klingenteichstr. 31, 69117 Heidelberg

## Saturday, September 23

- 9:00am-9:05am **Good morning**
- 9:05am-10:50am **Paper Session 4: Chinese Aid, Trade, and Investment**  
Chair: Andreas Fuchs (Heidelberg University)
- Paper 10: Yu Zheng (Fudan University). Tracing the Legacy: China's Historical Aid and Contemporary Investment in Africa. Discussion openers: TBA.
  - Paper 11: Quan Li (Texas A&M University), Tiyi Feng (Shanghai University of International Business and Economics). Foreign Aid and Chinese Outbound Direct Investment in Oil and Gas. Discussion openers: TBA.
  - Paper 12: Andrea Presbitero (International Monetary Fund), Jacopo Ponticelli (University of Chicago). Financial Silk Road to Africa. Discussion openers: TBA.
- 10:50am-11:20am Coffee break
- 11:20am-12:30pm **Paper Session 5: Effects of Chinese Aid**  
Chair: Samantha Custer (AidData)
- Paper 13: Bruno Martorano (ETH Zurich), Laura Metzger (ETH Zurich), Marco Sanfilippo (University of Bari). The Effects of Chinese Aid on Household's Wellbeing: Evidence from SSA Countries. Discussion openers: TBA.
  - Paper 14: Ariel BenYishay (College of William & Mary), Brad Parks (College of William & Mary), Daniel Runfola (College of William & Mary), Rachel Trichler (College of William & Mary). Forest Cover Impacts of Chinese Development Projects in Ecologically Sensitive Areas. Discussion openers: TBA.
- 12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch break
- 1:30pm-2:40pm **Paper Session 6: Conflict and Governance: The Role of Traditional and Emerging Donors**  
Chair: Gerda Asmus (Heidelberg University)
- Paper 15: Lennart Kaplan (Georg-August University of Göttingen), Melvin Wong (Hannover University), Kai Gehring (University of Zurich). Aid and Conflict at the Local Level - The Role of Traditional and Emerging Donors. Discussion openers: TBA.
  - Paper 16: Samuel Brazys (University College Dublin), Ann-Sofie Isaksson (Göteborgs Universitet), Andreas Kotsadam (University of Oslo), Krishna Vadlamannati (University College Dublin). Fuel for the Fire: Chinese, Indian and OECD Aid, Investment and Local Governance. Discussion openers: TBA.
- 2:40pm-2:50pm Short break

2:50pm-3:40pm      **Keynote Address by David Dollar** (Brookings Institution)  
“China’s Development Finance and the Global Economic Order”

3:40pm-3:50pm      **Closing remarks**, Andreas Fuchs (Heidelberg University)

4:30pm-7:00pm      **Social program “A Walk to Talk”** through the woods to the Kloster Stift  
Neuburg

7:00pm-open      **Informal Dinner** (at own expense) at [Kloster Stift Neuburg](#)  
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