Call for Papers for Workshop
“Development Strategies: Country Studies and International Comparisons”

Within the context of the “DAAD Partnership on Economic Development Studies”, the East China Normal University and HTW Berlin – University of Applied Sciences are organizing this four-day workshop to be held in Shanghai between November 12 and 15, 2013.

Sessions should be held to discuss country case studies and international comparisons on development strategies. The country case studies to be presented at the workshop should take stock of where a country stands in the process of economic development, what has been achieved, what are the obstacles and prospects. The case studies should also aim at analyzing whether a country has an explicit or implicit development strategy, and what are the lessons to be learnt for other similar countries. International comparisons, not only for the case of countries within the same region, should also be discussed in the workshop. Also, papers looking at specific elements of development strategies such as the use of development banks or frameworks for foreign direct investment are welcome.

As has been the case in the past, the past decade has seen how different development strategies, which tend to follow regional patterns, albeit some exceptions, had have different success levels. China’s spectacular growth rates have almost by itself made possible the achievement of the targets set in the first UN Millennium Development Goal related to the worldwide eradication of extreme poverty and hunger. However, this has been achieved in a context of growing income inequality and pollution, due to a less impressive growth of the welfare state and the heavy industrialization that has driven the country’s growth rates. On the other hand, a country like Brazil profited from the commodity boom and also enjoyed high growth and poverty reduction rates, together with a reduction of inequality. However, its more liberalized financial market has had its impact on appreciation pressures that hurt export diversification efforts and macroeconomic stability. Also many Sub-Saharan and Middle East countries benefited from the commodities boom at the macroeconomic level, but welfare improvements for most of their society members remain to be seen.

This workshop will be held to bring together academics, students and policymakers, both from the South and the North, which shall discuss papers focused on:

- National strategies of the countries present in our network. Studies can be focused on:
  - Trade strategy
  - Financial sector strategy
  - Macroeconomic strategy: monetary, exchange rate, fiscal and wage policies.
  - Industrialization and industrial policy strategy
  - Poverty reduction strategy after 2015, reduction of inequality
Analysis of the long-run development performance of a country

• Comparisons of countries:
  o Comparisons between BRICS and other emerging economies
  o Comparisons between LDC countries
  o Intraregional country comparisons
  o Was the last decade a development decade, compared to the lost 1980s and 1990s in Latin America and in Africa?

• Theoretical considerations for developing strategies:
  o Export-led growth versus domestic-demand led growth
  o Washington Consensus and its alternatives
  o The role of industrialization
  o Towards full global financial integration?
  o Global monetary reforms?
  o Which strategies have worked well/have failed?
  o Success stories from different countries
  o Sustainable development

Nevertheless, papers on topics not mentioned here but related to issues concerning development strategies are also welcome.

If you are interested to deliver a presentation in this workshop, please send an extended abstract (1-2 pages with reference to relevant literature, research question, justification, methodology, expected results) to Prof. Laike Yang (lkyang@bs.ecnu.edu.cn), Prof. Jan Priewe (jan.priewe@htw-berlin.de), Prof. Dr. Sebastian Dullien (sebastian.dullien@htw-berlin.de) and Alejandro Márquez-Velázquez (marquez@htw-berlin.de) by August 11, 2013. We plan to make decisions on approval immediately afterwards. Confirming participation should be done soon after this deadline so presenters can apply for a visa with enough time in advance.

Papers presented may be published within the Berlin Working Papers on Money, Finance, Trade and Development after a reviewing process. It will be appreciated if the full paper (draft) can be submitted by November 1, 2013, in order to be uploaded to the workshop’s homepage.

HTW Berlin can invite and cover travel expenses, i.e. air fare, accommodation, meals and excursion expenditures, for 10 speakers from the 11 southern partner universities of the network. Scholars, policymakers or PhD students working or studying at institutions that are not members of our network are also invited to submit papers, but will have to cover travel and accommodation expenses with their own funds. Arrival day is scheduled for November 11 and departure for November 16.

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