

# Digitalization of Africa

## Can digitalization address development bottlenecks?

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15h	Opening ( <b>Michael Grimm</b> , University of Passau) Welcome (Executive Board of the University of Passau)
15h05	Addressing development bottlenecks using digitalization – perspectives, policies, and interventions ( <b>Edward Asiedu</b> , University of Ghana / PICAIS Research Fellow)
15h45	Digitalization and labour markets in Africa ( <b>Jann Lay</b> , German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg and University of Göttingen)
16h25	Discussion

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16h40	Break
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17h	Round Table Discussion “Achieving an Inclusive Digital Ecosystem in Africa”. Moderated by Michael Grimm (University of Passau) Participants: <b>Edward Asiedu</b> (University of Ghana / PICAIS Research Fellow) <b>Patricia Boshe</b> (Research Centre for Law and Digitalisation (FREDI), University of Passau) <b>Jan Krämer</b> (University of Passau, Spokesperson of the RTG DPE), <b>Jann Lay</b> (GIGA and University of Göttingen)
18h	Closing ( <b>Marina Dodlova</b> , University of Passau) followed by a reception

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Please register by sending an email before 6 July 2022 to: [DevEcon@uni-passau.de](mailto:DevEcon@uni-passau.de). Please state your full name and affiliation (or your study programme). Students with an interest in digitalization and development are particularly welcome to attend!

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## Bios of speakers



**Dr. Edward Asiedu** is a Development Economist at the University of Ghana and a PICAIS Research-in-Residence Fellow at the University of Passau. Edward holds a Bachelor's degree with first class honours from the University of Ghana, Legon and a M.A in Economics and M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Guelph in Canada. He obtained his PhD in Economics from the University of Göttingen in September 2014. Currently he is involved in the World Bank's Ghana Poverty (ASA) project, the FAO's Medium-Term Agriculture Sector Investment Plan (METASIP) evaluation and various initiatives and projects that deal with digital services to the poor.



**Dr. Patricia Boshe** is since September 2020, teaching at the Chair of European and Comparative Data Law, and since 2021, Research Assistant at the Research Centre for Law and Digitalisation at the University of Passau. In 2017, she got a doctoral degree with a thesis "Data Protection Legal Reforms in Africa" at the university of Passau. Since then she has occupied various positions at the Faculty of Law, and has been, among others, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Coach at the Chair of Constitutional and Administrative Law, Public International Law, European and International Economic Law. She is a regular consultant to the European Commission - DG JUST on African data protection and data flows legal, regulatory and policy frameworks. She started her career as a lecturer at the Open University in Tanzania from 2007 to 2013



**Prof. Dr. Jan Krämer** is a Professor for Information Systems at the University of Passau, Germany, where he holds the Chair for Internet & Telecommunications Business. He is also the spokesperson of the Research Training Group on "Digital Platform Ecosystems" at the University of Passau, and Academic Co-Director at the Centre of Regulation in Europe (CERRE), a Brussels-based academic think tank. He has a diploma degree in Business Engineering and Management, and a Ph.D. in Economics, both from the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. He also conducted research and study periods at the MIT and Boston University. His research interests include the economic regulation of digital platforms and data-driven markets. Among other things, he was an external expert for the World Development Report 2021 on "Data for better lives".



**Prof. Dr. Jann Lay** is the Head of the Research Programme "Socio-Economic Development in the Context of Globalisation" at the GIGA Institute in Hamburg and Apl. Professor of Development Economics at the University of Göttingen. He holds a doctoral degree from the University of Göttingen. He has worked as a consultant for various multilateral organisations and the German Development Cooperation. He was a member of the "European Expert Network on International Cooperation and Development" of the European Commission, a Co-Chair of a T20 Task Force, and is still a member of the Steering Committee of the Land Matrix Initiative. Currently he is involved in several digital Africa initiatives at the GIGA.