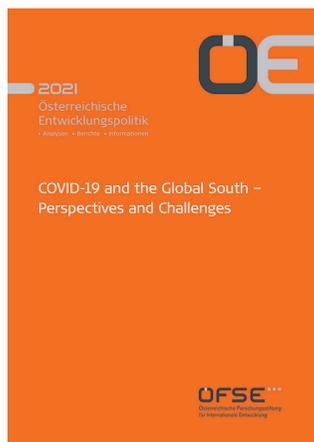


# COVID-19 and the Global South – Perspectives and Challenges

Presentation of the ÖFSE Flagship Report „Österreichische Entwicklungspolitik 2021 – COVID-19 and the Global South – Perspectives and Challenges“



The COVID-19 pandemic has hit developing countries particularly hard, both economically and socially. Massive income losses, impoverishment and rising inequality, overburdened health systems and a regression in education participation are only the first immediately perceptible impacts. Medium- to long-term implications, for example a worsening financial and debt situation or changing global production patterns, are not yet easy to assess, but are in part worrying. Development policy and development cooperation must react to these impacts and try to counteract them.

The presentation of the ÖFSE Flagship Report 2021 will be dedicated to this topic. In the first part, we will analyse the financial flows from Austria to developing countries. In a second part, we will discuss issues arising from the impact of the pandemic on the Global South and possible ways forward.

Please register at: [registration@oefse.at](mailto:registration@oefse.at) until December, 14 (after Registration the access code will be sent to you).

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December 15, 2021, 17.00 – 19.00 CET

Online event

  
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## Speakers

**Jan Grumiller** is a post-doc Researcher at the Austrian Foundation for Development Research (ÖFSE) and holds a doctoral degree in economics from the University of Business and Economics Vienna (WU). He has worked at ÖFSE since 2015, where he was the principal and co-investigator for a large variety of research projects and research consultancies. His research focusses on global value chain analysis and industrial policy. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, he has been particularly focusing on GVC resilience and reshoring, with a specialization on the pharmaceutical and medical product sectors.

**Richard Kozul-Wright** is Director of the Globalization and Development Strategies Division in UNCTAD. He has worked at the United Nations in both New York and Geneva. He holds a Ph.D in economics from the University of Cambridge UK and has published widely on economic issues. His book A Case for a New Bretton Woods (co-authored with Kevin Gallagher) is forthcoming with Polity Press.

**Wolfgang Lapuh** is Head of Department VII.2, Thematic Issues, Development Financing, Cooperation with IFIs and OECD/DAC at the Austrian Federal Ministry of European and Foreign Affairs. He was appointed to his current position in April 2019 after having dealt with two main issues during his professional life in the Austrian Federal Chancellery and Foreign Ministry: Development Cooperation and Middle East Policies / Middle East Peace Process. During four years as Head of the Austrian Representative Office in Ramallah (1998-2002) he covered both. Other Development Cooperation experience includes working for programmes in the Himalaya/Hindukush Region and in Central America. Thematic experience related to sustainable tourism in developing countries.

**Michael Obrovsky** studied communication sciences, philosophy and science of arts and has been a researcher at ÖFSE since 1984. His work focuses on issues of Austrian and international development policy, development cooperation and development financing. He has been lecturing at the University of Vienna and is a member of various committees of development institutions.

**Werner Raza** holds a doctorate in economics from the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Since 2010, he has been Director of ÖFSE – the Austrian Foundation for Development Research. His research focus is on International Trade and Development. He has been a lecturer at universities in Austria and abroad. In addition, Dr. Raza has been a member of various advisory committees in the fields of export promotion, development finance and development policy.

**Pauline Veron** is a Policy Officer in ECDPM's European External Affairs and Migration Programmes, where she conducts policy research and has written extensively on EU development cooperation and foreign policy (including migration). She recently analyzed the EU's global health role in the context of COVID-19, as well as the EU's support to human development in its external action (under the Portuguese EU Presidency). She has thematic expertise on the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and follows EU policy processes such as the NDICI programming and Team Europe.

## Programme

17.00

### Welcome and introduction

(Werner Raza, ÖFSE)

17.05

### Analyse der finanziellen Leistungen Österreichs an Entwicklungsländer / Austria's financial flows to developing countries

(Michael Obrovsky, ÖFSE) (in German language)

17.20

### Q&A session

17.35

### Coffee break

17.40

### Panel discussion: COVID-19 and the Global South – Perspectives and Challenges?

- Macroeconomic and financial implications (Richard Kozul-Wright, UNCTAD)
- COVID-19 and the resilience of global value chains: the case of medical products and pharmaceuticals (Jan Grumiller, ÖFSE)
- The EU development policy as a response to the COVID-19 crisis (Pauline Veron, ECDPM)

18.10

### Comment from the perspective of development policy

(Wolfgang Lapuh, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs)

18.20

### Q&A Session

19.00

### End of conference

The conference will be held in English (without translation), except for the first part on Austria's financial flows. Questions can be asked in German language.

*Facilitation: Margarita Langthaler (ÖFSE)*