

## BROWN BAG LUNCH

There is no doubt: Africa will dominate global population dynamics in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. While public attention is still focused on Asia as a fast-growing market, Africa has already outpaced Asia in terms of its population growth rate. According to the latest UN Population Projections (2016), the population on the African continent is expected to more than double until 2050 and to reach 4,4 billion by 2100, which by then constitutes 40% of the world's population. This development will heavily influence international business and geopolitics in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Due to the socioeconomic risks inherent to such impactful population dynamics a key issue for policymakers as well as business people is the prospect of replicating the conditions that have enabled East Asian countries to benefit from a so-called "Demographic Dividend", a phenomenon that was conducive to the rapid economic development of the Asian "Tiger States" from the early 1960s to the 1990s. However, to open this demographic window of opportunity, public policies will need to manage a rapid and significant decline in fertility.

This talk examines the promises as well as the challenges the concept of the Demographic Dividend implies for Sub-Saharan Africa. It heavily draws on the outcomes of the recently published volume "Africa's Population: In Search of a Demographic Dividend" (Springer 2017) and offers a brief analysis of the conditions that must be met to enable Sub-Saharan Africa to take full economic advantage of its ongoing population dynamics.

### DIE DOZENTIN

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### ECKPUNKTE DER VERANSTALTUNG

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Ort: Berner Fachhochschule, Brückenstrasse 73 (Marzili), Raum P005 neben der Cafeteria

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