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Dear Colleagues, Partners and Friends of G.R.E.A.T.,

the team from G.R.E.A.T. wishes you a merry and blessed Christmas season and a healthy, happy and peaceful new year!

Heading into the end of the year, we would like to provide you with information about recent activities from G.R.E.A.T.

G.R.E.A.T. on LinkedIn

G.R.E.A.T. is now active on [LinkedIn](#) and informs about the latest activities of the center. Join us on our journey and follow us to stay up to date!

Announcement of the conference Volume of the 4th International G.R.E.A.T. Conference “Informal Learning in Vocational Education and Training”

The conference volume contains selected papers from the 4th International G.R.E.A.T. Conference, which took place at the University of Cologne in September 2022. This book was initiated to fill a gap in the understanding of informal learning in the context of vocational education and training (VET). It does so by examining a wide range of aspects and different objectives, levels and locations of informal learning. The authors, selected from different parts

of Europe as well as Japan, Australia, India and Bangladesh, contribute to the topic from different country perspectives. As such, this volume makes a unique contribution to the study of informal learning in VET.

You can find the [conference volume](#) here and [the review of the book](#) here.

Visit of Prof. Dr Stephen Billett from Griffith University, Australia

On October 23, the German Research Center for Comparative Vocational Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) welcomed Prof. Dr Stephen Billett as a guest researcher at the University of Cologne. He shared his expertise on the Australian VET system in a presentation at our institute, focusing on three key questions: "Why are VET systems often so different in different countries?", "What causes them to change?" and "What makes a mature VET system?"

Dr Stephen Billett is Professor of Adult and Vocational Education in the School of Education and Professional Studies at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, and a National Teaching Fellow and Australian Research Council Future Fellow.

Video of the panel discussion on “The transition from school to work in Japan and Germany in times of demographic change”

On Wednesday, June 26, 2024, the panel discussion on “The transition from school to work in Japan and Germany in times of demographic change” was hosted by The Japan Cultural Institute in Cologne (The Japan Foundation), in cooperation with the Chair of Business Education and International VET Research at the University of Cologne. Thanks to the lively participation of the audience with interesting questions and contributions an interesting discussion took place between Dr Peter-Jörg Alexander (University of Osnabrück), Apl. Prof. Dr Mikiko Eswein (RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau), Prof. Dr Pilz (University of Cologne), Prof. Dr Bebenroth (Kôbe University) and all those present.

The event was recorded and is publicly available [here](#) on the Youtube channel of the Japanese Cultural Institute Cologne.

Successful completion of the RecoVET project

The RecoVET project was successfully completed at the end of August 2024. As a result of the project, a concept for external evaluation and recognition of specific quality in the integration of refugees was developed and transferred into three products: an online training course for quality auditors, a complementary handbook and a practice-oriented toolbox for the implementation of evaluation and recognition of specific quality indicators. In different [multiplier events](#) of the RecoVET project in Germany, Austria, Spain and Italy, the project

partners presented the project results (online training tool, handbook and toolbox) to the target group and discussed in detail how the results can be used.

An overview of the project and further information on the online training tool, the handbook and the toolbox can be found at: <https://recovet.uni-koeln.de/en/>.

We would also like to share one of our latest publications with you:

Schneider, S., Pilz, M. (2024). India's labour market challenges: Employability of young workforce from the perspective of supply and demand. *Prospects*, 1-22.

This paper (open access) can be found [here](#).

For more up-to-date information on G.R.E.A.T. and G.R.E.A.T. in India as well as our current projects and activities, please visit our [website](#) or follow us on [LinkedIn](#).

We thank you very much for your support and cooperation. Please don't hesitate to contact us for any further information or feedback.

Kind regards from Cologne,

Matthias Pilz and the G.R.E.A.T.-Team

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