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+++TOP NEWS+++ IAMO Forum 2011

The conference IAMO Forum 2011 entitled „Will the BRIC’s Decade Continue? Prospects for Trade and Growth“ takes place on 23-24 June in Halle (Saale). In addition to plenary and panel sessions on the main topic, a special session about Africa is planned. Its aim is to discuss the meaning of Africa for the world economy as well as the economical and trade relations between Africa and the BRIC states. Prof. Dr. Awudu Abdulai (Kiel University) will chair this session.

Internationally renowned experts from science and business have confirmed their participation in the IAMO Forum 2011 as keynote speakers:

- Francisco Ferreira (World Bank)
- Heike Harmgart (Food Security Initiative, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)
- David Orden (International Food Policy Research Institute)
- Arvind Panagariya (Columbia University, New York)
- Klaus-Dieter Schumacher (Nordzucker AG)
- Scott Rozelle (Stanford University)
- Andrei A. Yakovlev (Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

Submitted papers are currently passing through the review process. Until 20 May 2011, participants can register for a reduced conference fee of 180 euros. IAMO Forum 2011 is organized by IAMO in collaboration with the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies.

IAMO Forum 2011

„Will the BRIC’s Decade Continue? Prospects for Trade and Growth“
23-24 June 2011 | Halle (Saale), Germany
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Birgitta Wolff, Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs, and Karl Ulrich Mayer, President of the Leibniz Association sign the agreement | Photo: Rebekka Honeit

Scientific network on „Plant Based Bioeconomy“

A cooperation agreement for a new scientific network on „Plant Based Bioeconomy“ was signed in Halle (Saale) on 4 March 2011. Its subject-matters are plant biology and biotechnology as well as their socioeconomic framework. The Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs of Saxony-Anhalt, the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, the Leibniz Association and three Leibniz institutions – IAMO among these – participate in the new network. The federal state Saxony-Anhalt is funding the cooperation with around 1.4 million euro.

Also on 4 March, before the signing procedure, the president of the Leibniz Association Karl Ulrich Mayer had visited IAMO. On his schedule were consultations with the IAMO board and IAMO employees as well as a tour through the institute’s building. Mayer dedicated a lot of time to the young IAMO academics. He was especially interested in the hardships of foreign PhD students in Germany. Afterwards, he was impressed by the great variety of research projects and methodological instruments as well as the international focus of the institute.

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Mayer talking to IAMO academics | Photo: Timea Jung



Forest in Vientiane, Laos | Photo: Zhanli Sun

Forest and climate protection

IAMO is participating in the recently started EU project „Impacts of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhancing Carbon Stocks (I-REDD+)“. The aim is to obtain a better knowledge of risks and chances of so-called REDD+ measures. These measures use compensation payments to create incentives for developing countries to avoid deforestation and forest degradation and to enhance forest carbon stocks. By this means the amount of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere shall be reduced. I-REDD+ will analyse the cost efficiency of several REDD+ mechanisms as well as their effect on forest quality and forest cover, the carbon stock of vegetation and soil and on local life conditions. The research areas are in Kalimantan (the Indonesian part of the island of Borneo), Laos, Vietnam and the Chinese province Yunnan. The working package led by the IAMO researchers Daniel Müller and Zhanli Sun is about the installation of local monitoring systems in all research regions.

Further information: www.i-redd.eu

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Land System Science

The FutureLand Graduate School of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin made it to the second round of Germany’s Excellence Initiative. The effects of climate change, declining biodiversity and growing land use intensity are central problems related to global change. With new scientific approaches, the FutureLand Graduate School wants to help paving the way to a sustainable land use. In an interdisciplinary network of humanists, social and natural scientists, a new generation of young academics shall be educated systematically in a *Land System Science*. This includes the combination of disciplinary depth with interdisciplinary thinking.

Primarily responsible are the Geographical Institute and the Department of Agricultural Economics of the Humboldt-Universität. Moreover, further institutions of this university and a range of independent Helmholtz and Leibniz research institutions are being part of the initiative – IAMO is one of them. The research team is now asked to submit an elaborated project proposal to the Joint Commission of the DFG (German Research Community) and the German Council of Science and Humanities. The final decision on a funding of the Excellence Initiative will be taken in June 2012.

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postgraduates | Photo:
Timea Jung

Doctoral Certificate Program in Agricultural Economics

From 1 April on, the Doctoral Certificate Program in Agricultural Economics will be open to participants from more universities. The program was founded in 2005 by the departments of agricultural economics of the universities in Berlin, Göttingen, Halle and Kiel, the Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute (vTI, formerly known as FAL) and IAMO. The BioEconomyCouncil of the German government recognised the program as an “example for a long-range and nationwide institution for structured education in the area of agricultural and food economics in Germany”. Until now, almost 400 participants registered for the program, among these more than 40 from IAMO. The successful model will now be extended to the universities in Bonn, Gießen, Hohenheim, Kassel and Munich. By this means, more postgraduates can participate in the program. At the same time, the amount and the range of topics of the lectures will be extended, because the academics of the joining universities will contribute to the teaching in the program.

Further information: http://www.agraroekonomik.de/Doctoral_program/index.htm

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University cooperation

By signing a cooperation agreement, the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and IAMO put their existing collaboration on a solid basis.

They agreed to help each other with their respective tasks and to exchange experiences and information. The collaboration applies for research, teaching and the promotion of young researchers in the area of agricultural and food economics, the sustainable use of natural resources, the development of rural areas as well as land use and land use change. Direct partners are the Department of Agricultural Economics and the Geographical Institute. By now IAMO employees are holding lectures there. Furthermore, academics of these institutions and IAMO are conducting research in several projects of the DFG (German Research Association) and the European Union together.

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Rural area in Saxony-Anhalt
| Photo: Hauke Schnicke

Spatial sciences

On 29 March 2011, the Leibniz institutes working in the area of spatial sciences will meet for a workshop in Hannover, Germany. This event shall contribute to a better self-concept of spatial sciences as well as help circumscribing the research area and finding common terms and definitions. In working sessions researchers will present actual projects focusing on either urban or rural areas. Thomas Glauben, Managing Director of IAMO will chair the session on rural areas. Furthermore, IAMO members Wolfgang Weiß and Martin Petrick will give speeches.

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Research findings in a nutshell: IAMO Policy Briefs
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IAMO Policy Brief

IAMO launched a new publication series – the IAMO Policy Briefs – addressing politicians and journalists in the first instance, but also everyone else with interest in the treated topics. In this series, research findings of the institute considered relevant for the society will be worked up in a short and generally understandable way. The first issue (in German) is treating the effects of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the European Union on the agricultural job market in Eastern Germany. The protectionist policies of several Eastern European governments during the food crisis 2007/2008 is in the center of issue No. 2 (in German). Issue No. 3 (in English) was released recently and is treating the characteristics of the rural development in the New Member States of the European Union with a view to the upcoming CAP reform. The [IAMO Policy Briefs](#) can be downloaded in the publication section of the IAMO homepage.

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IAMO booth at the Information and Contact Market in Gießen 2010
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Young academics

IAMO is participating in the Information and Contact Market of the Faculty for Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management of the University Gießen on 25 May 2011. The aim of this market is to inform students and graduates about professional perspectives and to bring them into contact with potential employers. IAMO offers very good conditions to graduates of agricultural sciences and related disciplines who plan to write a doctoral thesis.

Information and Contact Market of the Faculty for Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management of the University Gießen

25 May 2011, 1:00-6:00 p.m.
Lecture building physics, Heinrich-Buff-Ring 14, foyer

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Hermann Onko Aeikens,
Minister of Agriculture and
Environment | Photo:
Christoph Sahrbacher

Parliamentary evening

What could a future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the European Union accounting for the special agricultural structures in the New Laender of Germany and the New Member States of the European Union look like? Academics and politicians discussed this question at a parliamentary evening hosted by IAMO in collaboration with the Ministries of Agriculture and Environment and of Education and Cultural Affairs of Saxony-Anhalt. Birgitta Wolff, Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs, opened the event with a welcoming speech. Afterwards there were presentations by the professors Alfons Balmann (IAMO) and Emil Erjavec (University of Ljubljana), the Minister of Agriculture and Environment of Saxony-Anhalt, Hermann Onko Aeikens and by Rainer Gießübel (German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection) on the program. Around 100 parliamentarians, politicians, academics and lobbyists came to the representation of Saxony-Anhalt in Berlin and participated actively in the following discussion moderated by Wolfgang Brinkschulte (MDR).



Podium | Photo: Christoph
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Birgitta Wolff, Minister of
Education and Cultural
Affairs visited IAMO | Photo:
Timea Jung

Visit of the Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs

On 10 February 2011, IAMO received a prominent visitor: the Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs of Saxony-Anhalt, Prof. Dr. Birgitta Wolff, herself an economist. During the consultation with the board she expressed her positive impression with the scientific capability and the excellent research conditions at IAMO. Afterwards she had the opportunity to talk to IAMO employees and to get basic information about the IAMO graduate school and the activities of the China research group. Furthermore, several young academics offered insight into their dissertation projects and answered the Minister's questions. Her visit was completed with a walking tour through the institute's building.

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Speaker Klaus
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Green Week

Which role can play Russia and China in the future for the world's food security? This question was in the focus of the annual IAMO symposium in the scope of the Green Week on 21 January 2011, entitled "Agricultural Giants Russia and China – Their Roles in Global Food Security". It discussed the situation of the agriculture in these countries as well as their specific problems and potentials. Speakers were the agricultural economist William Liefert from the United States Department of Agriculture, the former Head of the Division of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of the German Embassy in Beijing, Klaus Supp, and the longtime leader of the Institute of Farm Management, University of Hohenheim, Jürgen Zeddies. The event was a great success: Around 120 persons appeared in order to listen to the presentations and to participate in the subsequent discussion.

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