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Van Butsic

+++ TOP NEWS +++ Structural change and wildlife habitats

Environmental economist Van Butsic from University of Wisconsin-Madison, was accepted by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for a postdoctoral research sponsorship. From September on, he will research in Germany together with Daniel Müller (IAMO) and Tobias Kummerle (Humboldt University of Berlin). The project will analyse the consequences of the breakdown of socialism in Eastern Europe and the accession of the Carpathian region to the European Union, using spatial-econometric methods. The project is entitled „Socioeconomic shocks, land-use change, and habitat suitability in the Carpathian Mountains“. Butsic is especially interested in how socio-economic and political changes are affecting the habitats of the European bison and the Eurasian lynx. Several policy options shall be compared in respect of their benefits for economic development on the one hand and wildlife habitat protection on the other hand.

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FORUM 2011
Trade and Growth
JUNE 23-24

Economic perspectives of the BRICs



IAMO Forum 2010 | Photo:
Zhanli Sun

Within a few days, economists and agrarian economists will meet in Halle (Saale) in order to talk about up-to-date research findings dealing with growth in the BRICs and their trade relations. IAMO Forum 2011 participants are to expect a varied program. Highlights are two plenary sessions on "Growth and Development in the BRICs" and "Food Security and Sustainable Development" with a broad range of internationally renowned keynote speakers. Furthermore, a special session on Africa and Africa's relationship to the BRICs is planned; organized by Awudu Abdulai, Professor for Agricultural and Food Economics at Kiel University. Jörg Hacker, President of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, will open the conference's welcome reception with a lecture. IAMO Forum 2011 is organized in cooperation with the [GIGA German Institute of Global](#)

and Area Studies and the [Kiel Institute for the World Economy](#). Everyone interested in these topics is invited to join IAMO Forum 2011. Details on the program and conference fees can be found on the homepage <http://forum2011.iamo.de>.

IAMO Forum 2011 "Will the 'BRICs Decade' Continue? Prospects for Trade and Growth"

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IAMO PhD students talking to the President of the Leibniz Association | Photo: Timea Jung

Young academics

Thanks to a funding commitment of the German Federal Land Saxony-Anhalt, IAMO Graduate School will be opened to all IAMO PhD students and become a permanent part of the institute's young researchers formation. The IAMO Graduate School is a structured program including courses with renowned external lecturers and participation in the Germany-wide Doctoral Certificate Program in Agricultural Economics. Furthermore, PhD workshops and participation in international conferences are supported. IAMO Graduate School was founded in 2007 on the subject "Prospects for small-scale farm structures in the new Member States of the European Union" and financed with third-party funds of the common "Pact for Innovation and Research" of the German federal government and the states. It is a registered Leibniz graduate school of the Leibniz Association. IAMO Graduate School is cooperating with the International [Graduate Academy InGrA of Martin Luther University](#). Interested persons can apply for scholarships in the scope of IAMO vacancies.

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Boarding school in the province Shaanxi | Photo: Kelly Labar

Rural China

The federal state Saxony-Anhalt also committed to fund the international research group "Economic development and social equilibrium in rural China" at IAMO. China-research at IAMO includes topics such as ecological aspects of land use, operational organization in the agricultural sector, rural labour markets beyond agriculture, welfare measurement as well as social repercussions of agricultural trade policies. In 2009, IAMO was affiliated to [Rural Education Action Project \(REAP\)](#), an initiative of the Chinese Center of Agricultural Policy (CCAP) and Stanford University researching in the field of rural education in China. Further important collaborators include the Research Center for the Rural Economy (RCRE) in Peking, the University of Zhejiang and the Kunming Institute of Botany (Chinese Academy of Science). IAMO is conducting research on China since 2005. The research group was founded in 2008 in order to consolidate and promote IAMO's China-related research. So far, it was funded by means of the common "Pact for Innovation and Research" of the German federal government and the states. At the moment, 11 IAMO academics are working on 6 different projects. In the future, the group's activities shall be further developed.

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Darla Munroe

Forestal changes in rural areas

Provided with a Fulbright scholarship, geography professor Darla Munroe, Ohio State University, will conduct research in Germany from September on for five months. Together with Daniel Müller (IAMO) and researchers of the department of geography of the Humboldt-University of Berlin, she will carry out an historic analysis of forestal changes in rural areas. The project is entitled "Comparative Forest Transitions in Rural Peripheries". The risen forest stand in the Appalachian Mountains (Ohio), Eastern Europe (especially Romania and Albania), the former Soviet Union (especially Russia and Ukraine) as well as in the Yunnan province in Western China, will be in the focus of the study.

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IAMO academics talking to Kazakh farmers | Photo: Katharina Karsten

Agriculture in Kazakhstan

From April 27 until May 6, 2011, a group of IAMO researchers travelled to Kazakhstan. The objective of the journey was to get an impression of the condition of Kazakhstan's agriculture, and to deepen the existing collaboration with researchers and advisers.

Martin Petrick, Jürgen Wandel and Katharina Karsten visited different farm types and talked to farmers and managers. Petrick and Wandel gave guest lectures at the Kazakh branch of Lomonosov Moscow State University, and the delegation participated in the international Astana Economic Forum. A new German-Kazakh research project shall now analyse the reciprocal effects of structural change in the agricultural sector, rural development and agricultural policy. Collaborators are the Analytical Center of Economic Policy in the Agricultural Sector (ACEPAS) and the "German-Kazakh Dialogue on Agricultural Policy".

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Michael Kopsidis

Agricultural history of Prussia

On May 11, 2011 IAMO researcher Michael Kopsidis gave a guest lecture on „Agricultural productivity in 19th century industrialising Prussia: a Thuenen perspective“ at Lomonosov Moscow State University. The lecture was initiated by Professor Leonid Borodkin, [Center for Economic History](#) of Lomonosov University, and organized in collaboration with the [German Historic Institute \(DHI\)](#) in Moscow. Agrarian productivity in 19th century Prussia depended mainly on regional differences in market access, but hardly on varied natural conditions, Kopsidis explained. As highlighted in the following discussion, this relationship also applied for Russia and still matters today. The paper the lecture was based on, written in collaboration with Nikolaus Wolf, Humboldt University of Berlin, will be published in a Russian edition. In the future, IAMO wants to extend its research collaboration with Lomonosov University and DHI.

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Traditional field work in Kazakhstan | Photo: Martin Petrick

Agricultural development in Central Asia

Agricultural development in the Central Asian republics Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan will be the subject of a Workshop for young researchers to be held at IAMO at September 26-27, 2011. It addresses questions such as: What lessons can be learned from a comparative analysis of agricultural development across the region? How should Central Asian agriculture be organised in the future? How can scarce resources be used more productively? What is the role of Central Asia in world food markets? How can regional food security be achieved? The workshop is particularly aiming at PhD students and shall provide a platform for presentations and discussions of ongoing research efforts in the above areas. Working language is English. These discussions will be complemented by two keynote addresses given by Dr. Kamiljon Akramov (International Food Policy Research Institute IFPRI) and Martin Petrick (IAMO). The workshop is a pre-conference activity to the annual [GEWISOLA conference](#) taking place in Halle from September 28 to 30. To be considered for presentation during the workshop, an English abstract of not more than 500 words should be submitted until July 31, 2011. Participation is also possible without a presentation and is free of charge. [A more detailed call for papers is available here.](#)

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Long night of science

IAMO is participating in the „Long night of science“ (Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften) on July 1, 2011 in Halle (Saale). The institute will offer a varied program for the whole family. At 8 p.m. Duo Kalina gets you in the mood for a mild summer evening, with Russian chansons from the nineteen-twenties and nineteen-thirties. Afterwards, IAMO researchers will talk about relevant topics they are dealing with in their daily work: the EU's agriculture subsidies and demographic problems in the third millennium. From 6 p.m. on, kids and teens can look for a treasure hidden somewhere around the institute's building or try the popular board game "Settlers of Catan".

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IAMO building in Halle | Photo: Sibylle Mundt

Vacancies

IAMO is seeking qualified candidates for a post-doctoral researcher and doctoral student positions in the following research areas: international trade and foreign direct investment, quantitative and qualitative analyses of market developments as well as consumer studies and marketing strategies. Applications will be considered until July 30, 2011. [Please see here for the detailed job description.](#)

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Recent publications

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