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**FORUM 2012**  
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Land Use in Transition



Abandoned farmland in  
Russia | Photo: Alexander  
Prishchepov (IAMO)

**+++ TOP News +++ IAMO Forum 2012 Conference Call**

**From 20 to 22 June 2012, IAMO Forum will be held in Halle (Saale), Germany. It will focus on "Land Use in Transition: Potentials and Solutions between Abandonment and Land Grabbing".** The conference will provide a platform for research that investigates the main trends and drivers of land use in transition economies of Eastern Europe, the Former Soviet Union, and East Asia. Land use changes are particularly pronounced in many transition economies, where the legacies of the rapid and drastic institutional and socioeconomic system changes sent land use systems on new trajectories. The conference contributions shall exploit a wide variety of theoretical and methodological approaches to capture the prevalent changes and modifications of land use. These include agricultural abandonment and recultivation, changes in farm size and farmland fragmentation, the emergence of large-scale agricultural production units, extensification and intensification of agriculture, logging and forest transitions.

We welcome paper proposals for the IAMO Forum 2012 until **27 January 2012**. Proposals for organized sessions and mini-symposia are also appreciated. Please find detailed information on the conference homepage <http://forum2012.iamo.de>.

**IAMO Forum 2012**

*"Land Use in Transition: Potentials and Solutions between Abandonment and Land Grabbing"*  
20-22 June 2012 | Halle (Saale), Germany

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**GEWISOLA Annual Conference**

**From 28 to 30 September 2011, the German Society of Economic and Social Sciences in Agriculture (GEWISOLA) will hold its 51th Annual Conference in Halle (Saale). The theme is "Entrepreneurial Agriculture – Meeting Changed Market Demands and Social**

**Requirements".** Business companies of the agrifood sector are facing the challenge to adapt to climate change, technological progress and changing consumption patterns. At the same time, they are supposed to provide a broad range of goods and services for society, e.g. concerning food safety, environmental protection, and fair production conditions. The resulting challenges will be discussed in a wide spectrum of presentations during the conference, pointing out the specific contribution of agricultural economics to an understanding of this area of conflict. The conference is jointly organized by the Institute of Agricultural and Nutritional Sciences of Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg and IAMO.

#### **GEWISOLA 51th Annual Conference 2011**

*"Entrepreneurial Agriculture – Meeting Changed Market Demands and Social Requirements "*

28-30 September 2011 | Halle (Saale), Germany

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Farmland is a resource in great demand | Photo: Hauke Schnicke (IAMO)

#### **Production Factor Land**

**A GEWISOLA pre-conference workshop dealing with "Farmland Markets – Drivers, Trends and Structural Implications" will take place on 28 September 2011.** It is organized by Silke Hüttel (Humboldt University Berlin) and Heinrich Hockmann (IAMO). Farmland is a scarce resource in great demand. Overall farmland is downsized due to redesignation; at the same time investors from other fields are pushing into the farmland market. What influences the development of farmland prices? Which roles do investors and speculation play? Which patterns and trends can be identified? These questions will be in the focus of the workshop. If you are interested, please register until 23 September 2011 with Silke Hüttel.

#### **"Farmland Markets – Drivers, Trends and Structural Implications"**

*Pre-conference workshop to GEWISOLA 51th Annual Conference 2011*

28 September 2011, 9:00 – 12:30 am

Language: German

[Information and Program](#)

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Carpathian Basin

#### **Land Use Change**

**Daniel Müller from IAMO participates in a new project entitled "200 Years of Land Use and Land Cover Changes and Their Driving Forces in the Carpathian Basin".** The project strives to improve knowledge about long-term agricultural land-use change by reconstructing historic land-use change since the mid 1800s. The aim is to gather a comprehensive sample of case study regions across the Carpathian Basin. More recent rates and patterns of agricultural changes since 1980 will be quantified from satellite imagery. Spatially explicit statistical models will then be built to better understand the underlying and proximate drivers of agricultural land-use changes across the entire Carpathian Basin. The project is funded by NASA Land-Cover and Land-Use Change (LCLUC) Program and coordinated by Volker Radeloff from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Other project partners include universities and research institutions from Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Switzerland.

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Is the use of transgenic technology in agriculture a good idea? | Photo: Fotolia

### ScienceCampus Halle "Plant-based Bio-Economy"

**On 27 September 2011, the agricultural economist Paul B. Thompson will hold a presentation entitled "An Ethical Re-Assessment of Transgenic Technology for Agriculture" at IAMO.** Thompson will review some of the most influential arguments of supporters and opponents of the use of transgenic technology. Afterwards, he will undertake an ethical re-assessment of this issue in light of both technological changes and developments in the world food outlook.

Paul B. Thompson is Professor at the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics of Michigan State University, USA. His work focuses on ethical issues concerning biotechnology and modern agriculture and he is an internationally sought-after expert in this area.

#### ***„An Ethical Re-Assessment of Transgenic Technology for Agriculture“***

*Presentation by Paul B. Thompson*

*Host: ScienceCampus Halle "Plant-based Bio-Economy"*

*27 September 2011, 3:00 – 5:00 pm | IAMO, Main hall*

*Entrance free*

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### Agritechnica 2011

**Mega farms in Russia, the so-called agroholdings, will be in the center of a symposium at the Agritechnica 2011 on 17 November 2011, organized by IAMO in collaboration with DLG (German Agricultural Society).** Which parameters are decisive for the development of such an organization form, being without equivalent in Western Europe? Is this an productive and efficient way to do agribusiness, and does it make sense to boost these businesses politically? These and other question will be discussed in several presentations and together with the audience.

[Agritechnica](#) is the world's largest exhibition for the agricultural machinery sector. It takes place from 15 to 18 November 2011 in Hannover.

#### ***„Agroholdings – Re commencement in Russian Agriculture?“***

*Symposium by IAMO and DLG*

*17 November 2011 | 5:00 – 6:00 pm*

*Agritechnica 2011 | Hannover, exhibition grounds*

*Forum „Technology and Management“, hall 19, stand E29*

*Language: German*

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Vladislav Valentinov, Jürgen Wandel

## Habilitations

**Within the last months, two IAMO researchers qualified as professor at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.**

Vladislav Valentinov completed his habilitation treatise in the economic department. It is entitled „The economics of nonprofit organization: toward an integrative theory“. Valentinov is Schumpeter Fellow of the Volkswagen Foundation and examines the development of non-profit organization in the rural areas of Central and Eastern Europe. His further research interests include institutional economics and rural development.

Jürgen Wandel habilitated in the area economic and social sciences in agriculture. His treatise on driving factors, functionality, development perspectives and economic implications of agrohholdings in Russia will soon be released in the IAMO publication series „Studies on the Agricultural and Food Sector in Central and Eastern Europe“. Wandel is examining emergence and development of agrohholdings in the scope of a research project funded by DFG (German Research Foundation). He is also conducting research in the fields of institutional economics, transformation economics as well as competition theory and politics.

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Thomas Glauben (IAMO), Karl-Ulrich Mayer (President of the Leibniz Association), Heiderose Kilper (IRS) and Kilper's precursor Wolfgang Franz (ZEW) | Photo: ZEW

## Leibniz Association's Section B with New Speakers

**Since 26 May 2011, IAMO Director Prof. Dr. Thomas Glauben is designated deputy speaker of the Leibniz Association's Section B "Economics, Social Sciences, Spatial Research".** Prof. Dr. Heiderose Kilper, Director of the Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS), was elected as speaker. Section B is embracing 18 Leibniz research institutions focusing on economic, socio-scientific or spatial issues.

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Alfons Balmann, Thomas Glauben

## University Collaboration

**Alfons Balmann and Thomas Glauben were coopted by the Faculty of Law, Economics and Business of Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.** Therefore, they will be able to supervise doctorates in the economics department in the future. At IAMO, Balmann and Glauben are heads of the departments "Structural Development of Farms and Rural Areas" and "Agricultural Markets, Marketing and World Agricultural Trade" respectively. Both IAMO directors are teaching at the Institute of Agricultural and Nutritional Sciences of Martin Luther University in the scope of a common appointment.

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Insa Theesfeld

### Women in Science

**IAMO employee Insa Theesfeld was selected as an excellent female academic for the portal AcademiaNet.** Theesfeld is researching and teaching in the field of institutional economics, with focus on the management of natural resources, especially water. At the moment, she is organizing the [European conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons \(IASC\)](#) together with Achim Schlüter (Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology). The conference takes place from 14-17 September in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

The portal [AcademiaNet](#) aims to boost scientific careers and public perception of female academics. Currently, users can browse 660 profiles of highly skilled female scientists. These were selected by important German research associations and research oriented organizations, such as the Leibniz Association. Theesfeld is one of two German agricultural economists who can be found in this research portal.

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### Recent Publications

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#### **Studies on the Agricultural and Food Sector in Central and Eastern Europe**

SAHRBACHER, C. (2011): Regional structural change in European agriculture. Effects of decoupling and EU accession. Studies on the Agricultural and Food Sector in Central and Eastern Europe, Vol. 60, Halle (Saale). [Download](#)

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