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Sheep Farming in Serbia,  
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## Cooperation project between Serbia and Germany

**Since June 2012, IAMO has been cooperating with the Faculty of Agriculture in Belgrade (Serbia) under a project commissioned by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).** The key research focus is to improve the effectiveness of governmental policy measures through the previous analysis of possible effects on price development of agricultural-food products in Serbia. This collaboration scheme of predominantly young researchers from Serbia and Germany is also aimed supporting intensive exchange and preparing joint future projects. The results of the two-year research project will be made available to students in agricultural faculties as well as relevant associations and organisations.

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German Bundestag,  
Reichstag building in Berlin,  
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## IAMO briefs German Members of Parliament

**Initiated by the Leibniz Association (WGL), IAMO directors Thomas Herzfeld and Thomas Glauben met MPs for individual consultations in Berlin on 12 June.** Anette Huebinger, CDU/CSU, MP, member of the Parliamentary Committee on Development, thoroughly acquainted herself during the meeting with Thomas Herzfeld about methods for measuring corruption, distribution of corruption in transition countries and opportunities for successfully fighting corruption. Subject of talks between Thomas Glauben and Rita Schwarzeluehr-Sutter, SPD, MP, member of the Parliamentary Committee on Economics and Technology, as well as Helmut Heiderich, CDU/CSU, MP, member of the Parliamentary Committee on Development, was to explain causes and consequences of the global food crisis in Eastern European and Central Asian countries. 'One important

element of our work at IAMO, besides research, is also exchange with decision-makers in politics. We are very pleased that our topics were taken in with so much interest by the members of parliament', said Thomas Glaben.

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### Panel discussion during 22nd Economic Forum

**The Foundation Institute for Eastern Studies hosted the 22nd Economic Forum in Krynica-Zdrój (Poland) from 4-6 September 2012.** At this international conference, IAMO was the institutional partner of a panel discussion titled 'To Feed Europe: What will we eat tomorrow?'. Panellists included prestigious personalities, such as Fernanda Guerrieri (Regional Coordinator for Europe and Central Asia, FAO), Ivan Kyrylenko (MP, former Minister of Agriculture, Ukraine), Joan Mier (Government of Catalunya, Spain), Egle Stonkute (Advisor to the Prime Minister of Lithuania, Council of Ministers, Lithuania) and Paolo Russo (Chairman of the Committee for Agriculture, Italy). Moderator Thomas Herzfeld (IAMO director) summed up the panel as follows: 'The European agricultural sector underwent profound change in the past few years. The expert panellists impressively presented their various views on future developments in agriculture, current problems and potential solution approaches.'

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Agricultural land in Russia,  
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### Large Farm Management 2012

**On 19 September 2012, association Ukrainian Agribusiness Club together with Agency AgriEvent will host the III. International Conference 'Large Farm Management: Improvement of Efficiency and Productivity' in Kiev, Ukraine.** Co-organisers include IAMO, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine and the Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations. This conference is a unique platform to discuss management of agroholdings and pertaining issues relating to development, productivity improving and financing. The organisers are expecting an attendance of more than 500 representatives of agricultural companies, input suppliers, government and related agencies, education and scientific institutions. [Please find further information about the conference program here.](#)

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IAMO Policy Briefs

## Publication of IAMO Policy Briefs

**IAMO published two new Policy Briefs in August 2012.** Policy Brief 6 is titled 'International grain markets: Russia as a new power?' analysis the importance of Russia as one of the leading actors in the world wheat market. IAMO director Thomas Glauben together with researchers Zsombor Páll, Oleksandr Perekhozhuk, Soeren Prehn and Ramona Teuber investigate whether and in which countries Russian wheat exporters are exercising market power respectively price discrimination. In IAMO Policy Brief 7, Professor Ulrich Koester, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, discusses the topic 'Discarding food vs. starving people – Inefficient and immoral?'. His publication was prompted by a study on food wastage commissioned by the German Bundestag that was published in March 2012 and sparked a very intensive public discussion. [IAMO Policy Briefs are available for downloading at the IAMO website.](#)

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Vladislav Valentinov,  
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## IAMO researcher honoured with Christian Wolff Award

**The accolade was bestowed upon Vladislav Valentinov by Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg on 6 July 2012.** The Christian Wolff Award acknowledges Valentinov's outstanding habilitation thesis 'The Economics of Non-profit Organizations: Toward an Integrative Theory'. The IAMO scholar discusses in his habilitation treatise the understanding, significance and legitimacy of non-profit organisations from an institutional economics perspective. The monograph adopts theoretical findings to practice-related examples in agriculture and rural development.

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Viola Bruschi, Photograph:

## Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowship

**IAMO researcher Viola Bruschi is granted one of very much-coveted Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowship.** This program is operated as a cooperation scheme between the Leibniz Association (WGL) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and provides an opportunity to highly-qualified foreign post-docs to implement their specific research projects at a Leibniz Institute in Germany. Bruschi will work from November 2012 to October 2013 to deepen the understanding of the issue 'Russian Consumers' Perceptions of and Attitudes toward Food Quality and Safety'. The researcher has already worked for one year at IAMO.

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Wiebke Meyer and Hauke Schnicke, Photograph: F. Gehrigk

### Doctoral theses

**In July 2012, two IAMO researchers successfully defended their doctoral theses.**

The subject of Hauke Schnicke's thesis was 'Socio-economic determinants of structural change in agricultures – agent-based analyses for Slovakia, Hungary and Poland'. He analysed various exogenous and endogenous factors which impact changes in agricultural structures in three regions under review, Slovakia, Hungary and Poland.

The doctoral thesis of Wiebke Meyer investigates the issue 'Why do send Kosovo-Albanian migrants in Germany money back home?'. The researcher concludes from the outcomes of her work that the relevant amount of money depends particularly on the level of neediness of the receiving household, the financial resources of the migrant and the strength of relation between the two parties.

Congratulations to the two successful researchers!

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Sarah J. Wohlrab and Annemarie Bauer, Photograph: A. Tempel

### Successful completion of vocational training

**At the end of their three-year vocational training period Annemarie Bauer, office administrator, and Sarah Josephin Wohlrab, expert employee for media and information services (library), can look back on a very successful spell at IAMO.**

Annemarie Bauer worked in different functions in the human resources, accounting and external fundraising department while Sarah Josephin Wohlrab familiarised herself comprehensive with workflows in a scientific library. 'What we liked best was the international atmosphere at the institute and the terrific cooperation with all colleagues. After our time at IAMO, we are now planning to take up university studies', said the two former trainees. In September 2012, Saskia Mocker started her training to become an expert for media and information services (library) at IAMO.

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Marianne Mueller-Albinsky,  
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### Contact person for project acquisition

**Since June 2012, Marianne Mueller-Albinsky has been the new IAMO coordinator of the acquisition of third-party funded research projects.** She will provide support and assistance to IAMO researchers in the application process of the various funding institutions. Her tasks in the field of project applications also include obtaining information, administration, project management and public relations.

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### Vacancy

**IAMO is offering a PhD position.** We are seeking a PhD student for the research project 'The Global Food Crisis – Impacts on wheat markets and trade in the Caucasus and Central Asia and the role of Kazakhstan, Russia and Ukraine'. The project is funded by the VW Foundation and includes collaboration with various national and international partners, such as the World Bank (USA), ICARE (Armenia), GCAD (Georgia) and ACEPAS (Kazakhstan). [Please, click here for the complete job description and prerequisites for applying.](#)

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