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EU research project COMPETE launched

The project 'International Comparisons of Product Supply Chains in the Agri-Food Sectors: Determinants of their Competitiveness and Performance on EU and International Markets' (COMPETE) has been commenced in October 2012 and is funded under the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. The project will evaluate the competitiveness of European agri-food supply chains and impacting factors. Based on the results a set of better targeted and evidence-based policy recommendations will be drawn addressing both on the EU as well as the national levels. The three-year project involves 16 cooperation partners from ten EU countries. The COMPETE consortium is composed of representatives of academia, the business community, industry representative advisory services and NGOs and is coordinated by IAMO. [Click on this link for more project details.](#)



Food shop, Photograph: T. Jung

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Crop residue burning in Russia, Photograph: A. Prishchepov

IAMO is engaged in NASA cooperation project

IAMO researcher Alexander V. Prishchepov is co-principal investigator in a project titled 'The Role of Environmental, Socioeconomic, Institutional, and Land-Cover/Land-Use Change Factors to Explain the Pattern and Causal Drivers of Anthropogenic Fires in Post-Soviet Eastern Europe', funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). This three-year project will focus on quantifying the relationship of land-cover/land-use (LCLU) change in the former Soviet Union, specifically Belarus, European Russia, and Lithuania, from agricultural abandonment and afforestation and the relationship of this LCLU change to anthropogenic fires. By focusing on the region of Eastern Europe, this project aims to answer the NASA LCLUC program's goal of completing an interdisciplinary study of LCLU change and its relation to fire activity as a potential driver.

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Agricultural land,
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Agriculture policy expert panel discussion at the GFFA 2013

IAMO, in cooperation with the Federation of German Industries' Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations, will host a symposium on agriculture policy on 18th January 2013. This event will form part of the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) that is organised by the German Federal Ministry of Nutrition, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV) during the International Green Week in Berlin. The conference on the subject 'From Micro-credit to Shareholder Value: Access to Funding Sources in the Agricultural Sector in Eastern Europe and Central Asia' will provide a platform for international representatives of politics, academia and industry to discuss connections between farm structures and financing sources, as well as the opportunities and risks for developing capital markets and state investment programs. In addition, IAMO will operate an information booth at the GFFA Cooperation Market on 19th January 2013. [Please, click here for further information and online registration.](#)

Expert Panel Discussion at the Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA)

From Micro-credit to Shareholder Value: Access to Funding Sources in the Agricultural Sector in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
18th January 2013, Berlin
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FORUM 2013
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Rural Areas in Transition



IAMO Forum, Photograph:
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IAMO Forum 2013

The next IAMO Forum will be held from 19 to 21 June 2013 under the title 'Rural Areas in Transition: Services of General Interest, Entrepreneurship and Quality of Life' in Halle (Saale). The conference will examine the role of public and private agents in shaping the living conditions in rural areas. Each day of the conference will focus on one main topic. The Forum 2013 will be jointly hosted by IAMO and Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute (vTI) and supported by Marga und Kurt Möllgaard-Stiftung. Please, forward your contributions for session proposals by 31 December 2012 and for paper proposals by 27 January 2013. [For further information about the conference and deadlines to be observed click here.](#)

IAMO Forum 2013
Rural Areas in Transition: Services of General Interest, Entrepreneurship and Quality of Life
19th-21st June 2013, Halle (Saale)
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IAMO Policy Briefs

Publication of the latest IAMO Policy Briefs

The latest IAMO Policy Briefs explain and discuss controversial research findings in agricultural economy. Policy Brief 8 topicalizes a study of poverty persistence. IAMO directors Thomas Glauben and Thomas Herzfeld as well as researchers Scott Rozelle and Xiaobing Wang analyse the issue whether poverty in China's rural areas is rather of a chronic or temporary nature and which factors rather favour or counteract chronic poverty. In Policy Brief 9, experts Thomas Glauben, Ingo Pies, Sören Prehn and Matthias Georg Will, deal with the subject 'Alarm or rather nuisance alarm? A literature review of empirical research studies into financial speculation with agricultural produce' and evaluated 35 research studies for an evaluation of impacts of financial speculation on agricultural produce markets. [Policy Briefs are available at the IAMO website.](#)

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PhD scholarship



Eefje Aarnoudse,
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Eefje Aarnoudse was granted a three-year PhD scholarship by Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst (Protestant Academic Foundation), the German protestant churches' organisation for young talent promotion. The young scholar is focusing on the subject 'Tapping two Sources: Farmers' Conjunctive Use of Groundwater and Surface Water in North West China'. Aarnoudse investigates the question of how conjunctive management of groundwater and surface water can help farmers in North West China to adapt more easily to unexpected environmental and climatic changes. The PhD student is supervised by IAMO director Thomas Herzfeld, Bettina Bluemling of Wageningen University and Wei Qu, Gansu Academy of Social Sciences (GASS).

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Doctoral theses



Diana Traikova and Patrick Zier,
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IAMO congratulates the researchers Diana Traikova and Patrick Zier on the graduation of their PhD theses. Diana Traikova's dissertation titled 'Determinants of non-farm entrepreneurial intentions in transitional context: evidence from rural Bulgaria' was successfully defended in October 2012. She investigates the motivations of rural people to start a non-agricultural business from a socio-psychological perspective. The empirical analysis is based on primary farm household data, collected in Bulgaria.

Patrick Zier examines in his dissertation the subject 'Econometric impact

analysis of the Common Agricultural Policy in Eastern German agriculture'. He analysed the effects of direct payments regarding the labour demand and structural change of agriculture in the new German states. He successfully defended his PhD thesis in November 2012.

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Vacancy

IAMO is seeking a research associate (m/f). The successful candidate will cooperate in the EU-funded international research project 'International Comparisons of Product Chains in the Agro-Food Sectors: Determinants of their Competitiveness and Performance on EU and International Markets' and support the project managers in research and project management. IAMO provides an opportunity for doctoral candidates to enrol in a structured PhD student course. Complete application dossiers can be submitted by 31 December 2012 via e-mail to hockmann@iamo.de. Please, [click here for the job description](#).

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Merry Christmas and a Good New Year

We would like to thank you very much for your interest in the IAMO Newsletter and are looking forward to keeping you abreast of up-to-date research findings, events, publications and other development at our institute. IAMO wishes all partners and institute members a reflective Christmas time and a healthy and successful start into the year 2013.

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