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IAMO Forum, photo:
Swetlana Renner

IAMO Forum 2014: Call for Papers

The IAMO Forum 2014 will focus on functionality and effectiveness of agricultural factor and commodity markets. Special emphasis will be placed on countries undergoing transition process and leading emerging economies. Albeit that some of those states gained importance in the global food trade in recent years, their role and scope of influence are still under controversial discussion. Subject of pending analyses include efficiency of agri-food and factor markets as well as their local and international integration. The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership is envisioned to make a contribution to advancing the diversity of trade relations. The IAMO Forum 2014 will be a platform for presenting up-to-date research findings on these topics. Further thematic foci will include food safety and food price volatility, notably impacts of speculation on functioning of agricultural markets. IAMO Forum 2014 is jointly organised by IAMO and the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC). Deadline

for submitting papers is 3 February 2014. For more information, please, go to: www.iamo.de/forum/2014.

IAMO Forum 2014

'The rise of the 'emerging economies': Towards functioning agricultural markets and trade relations?'

25-27 June 2014 | Halle (Saale)

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Großbetriebliche Landwirtschaft, Foto: Fotolia

Farming models of the future

For several years, complex political and economic factors have led to an emergence of new business models in important agricultural regions of the world. Those are the subject of a workshop to take place during the annual conference of the German Agricultural Economics Society (Gesellschaft für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften des Landbaus e.V., GEWISOLA) in Berlin. In Eurasia, emerging "agro holdings" financed by non-agricultural capital are on the rise; in Latin America, agribusinesses now operate "sowing pools" of 20,000 hectares and more; and in Europe, the markets for land, agricultural capital and labour are in a state of flux, too. Will the future of farming in Germany be in the hand of vertical integrated holdings and industrial enterprises – like the few samples which already made an appearance? How shall we deal with the expected negative consequences ranging from booming land prices, a high concentration of property in agricultural resources, industrial livestock farming or ecologically questionable cultivation methods? Presentations by Martin Petrick (IAMO), Bernhard Forstner and Andreas Tietz (Thünen Institute) complemented by statements of Barbara Unmüßig (Heinrich Böll Foundation) and Jobst Jungehülsing (German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection - BMELV) will analyse recent trends from a global perspective and identify options for public policy. The workshop is chaired by Rainer Gießbübel (BMELV). It will be closed by Q&A and a discussion round. [You can register here for the annual conference of the GEWISOLA.](#)

'New business models in large-scale farming: causes, effects and the need for political action'

26 September 2013 | 10:30-12:00 am

53rd GEWISOLA Annual Conference | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Universitätsgebäude am Hegelplatz | HS 1.101

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Agricultural land, Photo: Oliver Mohr (pixelio)

Launch of new joint research project MULTAGRI with IAMO participation

'MULTAGRI – Rural development through governance of multifunctional agricultural land use' is an international joint research project of the European Union's European Research Area Network (ERA-NET) RURAGRI. Further project partners apart from IAMO are research institutions in Sweden, France, the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland. IAMO's project package analyses the impacts of political actions, designed to promote so-called ecosystem services, on development and efficiency of agricultural businesses under consideration of economic disadvantages, and benefits, entailed for farms by, e.g., converting arable land into biotopes or cultivating vast hedges. Land use-related conflicts

resulting from differing interests – arable farming vs. biotopes to maintain biodiversity – will be discussed in workshops with farmers, environmental associations and politicians from model regions in Germany and Sweden. The objective is developing political scenarios for subsequent analysis with AgriPoliS, an agro-economic simulation model. The outcomes of this analysis will be discussed in a follow-up workshop. The IAMO project package is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research.

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Agricultural machinery at Agritechnica, photo: Stefan Klamer

Agritechnica 2013

Large-scale farming in Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan is at the focus of an IAMO lecture event at Agritechnica Trade Fair on 14 November. IAMO researcher Martin Petrick will present current development tendencies in the farming sectors in those countries where agricultural production has experienced a revival based on large-scale farming structures for several years. Special attention will be given to problems of managing such wage labor-based operations. Mariya Yaroshko, of Agricultural Policy Dialog Kiev, will give a paper on challenges and chances in this field, using the example of Ukraine. The presentations will be followed by a Q&A and discussion round with the lecturers.

[Agritechnica](#), the world's leading international exhibition for agricultural machinery and equipment, will be held at Hannover Exhibition Grounds from 12 to 16 November.

Chances and challenges for large-scale farming in Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan
14 November 2013 | 4:00-5:00 pm
Agritechnica 2013 | Hannover Exhibition Grounds
Forum 2: Technology and Management; Expo Pavilion 34

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IAMO Policy Brief, photo: Rebekka Honeit

IAMO Policy Brief 11 published

In the latest issue of the IAMO Policy Brief agricultural economists of IAMO and Kiel University are warning of state interventions into Eastern European agricultural markets. Findings of various scientific analyses of wheat markets in Russia, Ukraine and Serbia suggest that agrarian market-regulating measures are often inefficient and may lead to high costs from a macroeconomic perspective. What should always be taken into account is the risk that thus market functioning may be permanently impaired with pertaining consequences for the agricultural and food sectors, consumers and global food security. This is why IAMO Director Thomas Glauben recommends: 'Agricultural market policy – notably in countries in economic transition – ought to focus on establishing conditions that promote competition as well as on direct measures of food security for poorer households.' [The IAMO Policy Brief 11 titled 'Are Eastern European agricultural markets working? Beware of state-prescribed market interventions!'](#) is available for downloading at IAMO's website.

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In the supermarket, photo:
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European agri-food industry must improve its competitiveness

The recently published policy brief of the COMPETE research project strongly urges the European agri-food industry to enhance its competitiveness. The EU15 member states succeeded to maintain their competitiveness at a stable high level in the past ten years while the newly-accessed countries were still lagging far behind. Booming emerging economies, such as Brazil, China and Russia, have clearly caught up and in some instances are as competitive as the new EU member states. Hence, the authors state that the European agri-food industry has to be responsibly shaped in economic, ecologic and social terms in order to retain and increase its shares in global trade in the long run. The joint research project 'International comparison of product supply chains in the agri-food sector: determinants of their competitiveness and performance on EU and international markets' (COMPETE) is funded under the 7th EU Research Framework Program. The project is aimed at a comprehensive evaluation of the competitiveness of value-added chains in the European food sector and their influencing factors and, on this basis, developing a set of policy recommendations. The COMPETE consortium is coordinated by IAMO and brings together scientific and practical expertise from ten EU states. [The Policy Brief is available for downloading here.](#)

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Thomas Glauben, photo:
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IAMO Director Glauben new section speaker and executive committee member of Leibniz Association

IAMO Director Thomas Glauben is the new speaker for the Leibniz Association's economics, social sciences and spatial research institutes. Gert G. Wagner, executive board member of the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin), was appointed as his deputy. The election was held on 20 June 2013 during a section meeting of all 18 member institutes. Thomas Glauben, in his capacity as speaker, is also a member of the twelve-person executive board of the Leibniz Community.

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IAMO building in Halle

Announcements

IAMO awards to outstanding scientists the status of IAMO Research Fellow for a two-year period. Applicants are anticipated, in collaboration with IAMO researchers, to develop new innovative research projects, advance ongoing research projects or work on specific issues having high societal relevance. This announcement is addressed to holders of a doctor's degree in any discipline which reasonably complements IAMO research activities.

The WissenschaftsCampus Halle is looking for a scientific coordinator

focusing on public relations. The position announced is temporary, due to parental leave.

For details regarding the fellowship and the job announcement please see the IAMO website.

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New IAMO logo

IAMO has launched a new corporate logo. In addition, the entire IAMO corporate ID is being revised and upgraded. All digital and analogue components, such as website, publications, etc. will be adapted in phases over the next months.

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New publications

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