

Registration and Conference Fee

The conference fee covers admission to all sessions, conference folders, refreshments during breaks, lunches on all conference days, and evening events on the first and second conference day. The fee does not cover accommodation or travel costs.

	Conference fee for all days	Day pass for Friday 22 June
Early Registration	270 Euro	70 Euro
After 20 May 2012	345 Euro	90 Euro

Undergraduate students can participate at a reduced fee: all days 30€, day pass for Friday 22 June 10€ (after 20 May 2012: 50€ and 15€). The reduced fee does not include evening events and conference folders.

Registration as a participant is possible from 16 March 2012 via <https://www.conftool.net/iamo2012/>.

Young researchers with accepted contributions may qualify for a limited number of conference grants. You can apply for funding via the registration form on <https://www.conftool.net/iamo2012/>.

Important Dates and Deadlines

27 January 2012	Deadline for paper proposals and mini-symposia proposals
16 March 2012	Notification of acceptance for paper proposals and mini-symposia proposals
20 May 2012	Early-bird registration deadline
12 June 2012	Final deadline for online registration
20–22 June 2012	IAMO Forum 2012

Location and Language

The IAMO Forum 2012 will be held in Halle (Saale), Germany, in the conference facilities at the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO). The conference language is English.



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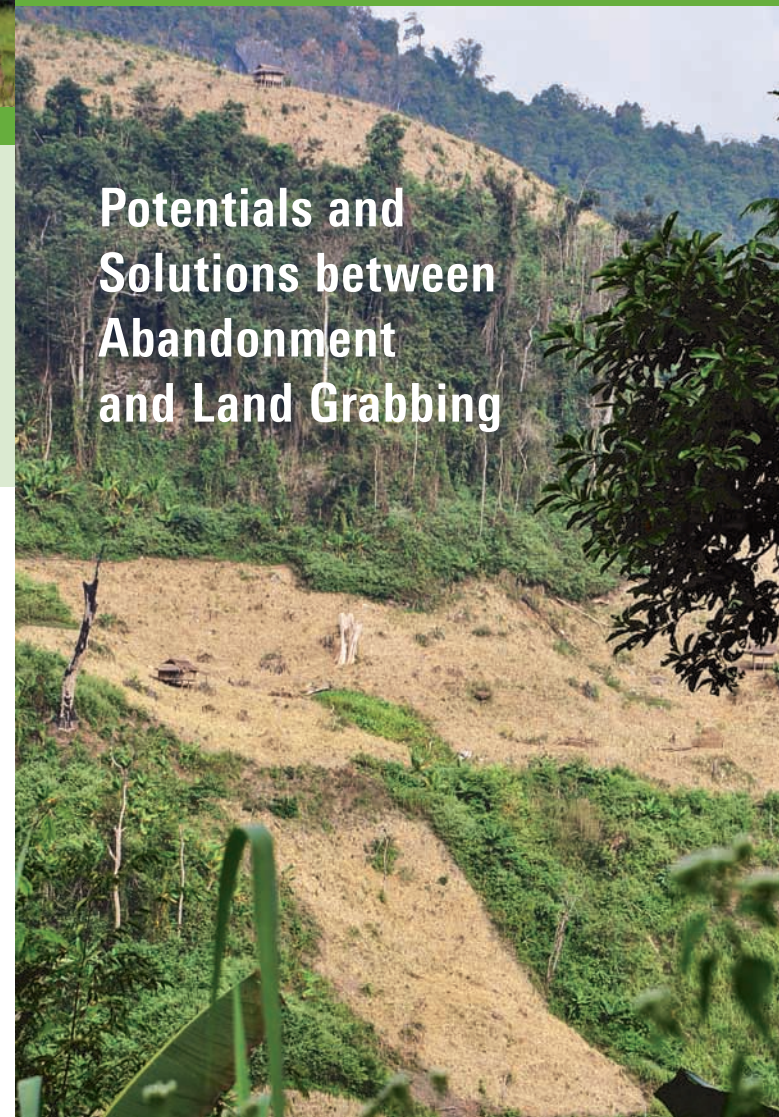
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IAMO Forum 2012 Land Use in Transition

Potentials and Solutions between Abandonment and Land Grabbing



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Program

Background and Objectives

Land use is receiving increasing attention due to its manifold repercussions on human well-being and the environment. Achieving the sustainable production of food and feed for a growing population will be a key priority for humanity in the years to come. However, land use changes threaten the provision of ecosystem services and are among the most important drivers of global environmental change. Land use changes are also responsible for a large share of global greenhouse gas emissions and drive habitat change, which threatens biodiversity.

Land use changes are particularly pronounced in many transition economies, where the legacies of the rapid and drastic institutional and socioeconomic changes sent land use systems onto new trajectories. The IAMO Forum 2012 will provide a platform to discuss cutting-edge research about the main trends, drivers, and outcomes of land use in transition economies of Eastern Europe, the Former Soviet Union, and East Asia.

The overall aim of the IAMO Forum 2012 is to improve our understanding of land use change in transition economies and to stimulate debates and discussions. The conference will provide a rare platform for building networks among scholars with similar geographic and thematic foci, as well as for introducing innovative approaches in land change science, including methodological innovations, new empirical applications, and cross-cutting themes.

The conference is jointly organised by the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO), the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Geomatics Lab) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (SILVIS Lab).



Day 1: Land Use Transitions

Day 1 focuses on changes in land use and land cover. Contributions can deal with case-study evidence as well as with regional or cross-national analyses. The aim of Day 1 is to better understand the patterns, extent and proximate causes of land use change. Specific themes may include:

- Agricultural land abandonment
- Forest transition and logging
- Proximate causes of land use change

Panel speakers



Peter Verburg is Professor for Environmental Spatial Analysis at the VU University Amsterdam. He has established a leading position in the field of land use analysis and modelling. Verburg has developed and applied a wide range of methods to analyse spatial patterns of land use at scales from local to global and is actively involved in several EU-level research projects.



Helmut Haberl is associate Professor at the Institute of Social Ecology in Vienna (Alpen-Adria-Universität). He works on both theoretical and empirical aspects of society-nature interrelations and sustainable development. In recent years he has led several research projects on the relation between socioeconomic metabolism and land-use change, and he is member of several expert groups.

Day 2: Processes of Land Use Change

More subtle land use modifications as well as the underlying processes of land use change and their economic and ecological impacts are the key theme of Day 2. Sessions may include:

- Underlying drivers of land use change
- Changes in agricultural productivity
- Biomass production potentials
- Cropland change and the carbon cycle
- Effects of land use change on natural resources and ecosystem functions

Panel speakers



Jo Swinnen is Professor of Development Economics and Director of LICOS Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance at the University of Leuven (KUL). He is a regular consultant for institutions such as the World Bank, European Commission, and OECD, and was coordinator of several international research networks on food policy, institutional reforms, and economic development.



Grigory Ioffe is Professor of Geography at Radford University (USA). His research focuses on population geography, economic geography, nationalism and national identity in the countries of the Former Soviet Union. He has done many field studies and research projects in Russia, amongst others about land abandonment, agriculture, and population development.

Day 3: Farmland Investments and Land Grabbing

The rapidly growing domestic and foreign investments into agricultural production as well as the emergence of large-scale farms in many land abundant transition economies are the focus of Day 3. Session themes may include:

- Large-scale investments into agricultural production
- Farm structures and farm structural change
- Institutional and legal aspects of agricultural investments
- Land market developments
- Rise of agroholdings

Panel speakers



Max Spoor is Professor of Development Studies at the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague (Erasmus University). His research interests include rural poverty, inequality, social exclusion, inclusive growth, environmental sustainability, and land grabbing in developing and particularly transition economies. He was involved in many capacity-building as well as consultancy projects.



Klaus Deininger is a Lead Economist in the Rural Development Group of the Development Economics Group at the World Bank. He is conducting research on land markets, land reform and land tenure and their impact on household welfare, agricultural productivity, and investment, amongst others. In recent years, he has also been the World Bank's adviser on land tenure and land policy.

Day 3 will conclude with a panel discussion on the new wave of large-scale farmland investments where we bring together scientists, investors, and policy makers.