

# The political economy of agricultural policy in state-managed economies: Central Asia and beyond

## Workshop Programme

24 and 25 November 2016

### **Venue**

IAMO, Theodor-Lieser-Strasse 2, 06120 Halle (Saale), Germany, Conference Room I

### **Aims and scope of the workshop**

After two and a half decades of transition from a common Soviet heritage, the five Central Asian economies display a highly diverse record of agricultural reform outcomes today. It spans from liberalised and diversified smallholder agriculture in Kyrgyzstan to massive central control of cotton producing farmers' associations in Turkmenistan. These diverging reforms in agriculture are embedded in a broader agenda of economic modernisation that is managed by elite members of political regimes. Some of these regimes have made strides towards democracy, but most of them still rank at the lower end of international governance comparisons, including voice and accountability, the rule of law, and corruption control.

The aim of this workshop is to bring together social scientists from various disciplinary backgrounds in search of explanations for economic reform outcomes that are based on political economy arguments, using agriculture as a case in point. The workshop shall provide a platform for presentation and intensive discussion that is based on broad-based empirical evidence of both qualitative and quantitative nature. It aims to go beyond the opportunities for exchange typically available within international conference settings. The agenda includes both in-depth studies of individual countries as well as cross-country comparisons, using a variety of theoretical and analytical approaches.

**Thursday, 24 November****Economic modernisation and the management of democracy in Central Asia**

15:00 – 15:20	Welcome & introduction <i>Martin Petrick, IAMO, Halle</i>
15:20 – 16:20	Economic modernisation and managed democracy in Kazakhstan <i>Sebastian Schiek, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin</i>
16:20 – 16:40	Break
16:40 – 17:40	Economic modernisation and managed democracy in Turkmenistan <i>Hendrik Meurs, German Aerospace Center, Project Management Agency, European and International Cooperation, Bonn</i>
18:30	Dinner

**Friday, 25 November****The management of agricultural policy in state-managed economies**

9:00 – 10:00	Food and power: Agricultural policy and political regime <i>Henry Thomson, Nuffield College, University of Oxford</i>
10:00 – 11:00	The political economy of agricultural policy in Uzbekistan <i>Nodir Djanibekov, IAMO, Halle and Lorena Lombardozi, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Agricultural policies in Central Asia: what governments do and why they do it <i>Martin Petrick, IAMO, Halle</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:30	The political economy of agricultural policy in Russia <i>Vasyl Kvartiuk, IAMO, Halle</i>
14:30 – 15:30	Conclusions and discussion of a future research agenda

Please reserve one third of each presentation slot for Q&A.

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