

## Important Dates and Deadlines

18 November 2012	Deadline for session proposals
Mid-December 2012	Notification of session proposal's acceptance
27 January 2013	Deadline for paper proposals
15 March 2013	Notification of acceptance for paper proposals
19 - 21 June 2013	IAMO Forum 2013

## Location and Language

The IAMO Forum 2013 will be held at IAMO's conference facilities. The conference language is English.

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# FORUM 2013

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Rural areas for future generations:  
Public services, entrepreneurship  
and quality of life

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## Background

Rural areas in transition countries catch news headlines highlighting depopulation, especially of the young, lagging economic attractiveness, worsening of services, increasing levels of poverty. Regarding the EU Member States among this group, several billions of euros have been spent to foster economic growth and convergence. What has been the effect of such a public support within the EU and elsewhere? Is policy using the appropriate instruments? Are the indicators of quality of life complete to support the policy design? Which other barriers hinder rural economic development beside financial constraints? What is the role of private entrepreneurs like agrohholdings or non-agricultural firms in providing employment and services in rural areas?

The IAMO Forum 2013 is organised jointly with the von Thünen Institute, Institute of Rural Studies. It will provide a platform for academic exchange focusing on the development of rural areas in transition economies of Eastern Europe, the Former Soviet Union, and Asia. We welcome contributions that discuss the depopulation of rural areas, the development of off-farm rural activities or impact assessment of rural policy interventions. Especially, we invite contributions that discuss new concepts to measure well-being of rural households and economic development beyond income based poverty or GDP-like measures. We welcome proposals for organised sessions.

The conference contributions may exploit a wide variety of theoretical and methodological approaches from economics, sociology, geography or political sciences. Interdisciplinary contributions are particularly welcome.

## Conference structure

The IAMO Forum 2013 focuses on 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.

## Day 1: Public services in rural areas

The delivery of public services and its mechanisms in rural areas in East Germany, China, countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and New EU Member States are the main focus of Day 1. Session themes may include:

- Provision of public goods
- Provision of private goods
- Institutions governing provision of public services
- Guiding principles for government's involvement

## Day 2: Rural entrepreneurship

The key theme of Day 2 is the impact of rural entrepreneurial activities on economic growth as well as the roles and responsibilities of private actors in rural areas with focus on experience of the New EU Member States, CIS countries and China. Sessions may include:

- Role of technology and innovation
- Impact and experience of rural entrepreneurship
- Farm and non-farm actors
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Access to inputs

## Day 3: Quality of life in rural areas

Economic disparity, related demographic and migration processes in transition economies and policies to counterpoise them as well as new concepts of measuring the multidimensional nature of quality of life in rural areas are the focus of Day 3. Specific themes may include:

- Livelihood implications
- Measurement issues
- Demography/ Migration as reaction to policies and economic development
- Appropriate policy interventions

## Call for Organised Sessions

We welcome proposals for organised sessions and for mini-symposia that focus on a specific topic within the interests of the IAMO Forum 2013. Both events will be limited to 90 minutes.

Proposals for organised sessions should include the title of the proposed session and an abstract of up to 300 words that concisely describes the aim of the session. They have to be submitted electronically in English to [forum2013@iamo.de](mailto:forum2013@iamo.de) no later than 18 November 2012. Notification of acceptance will be sent by mid-December 2012. Session organisers are responsible for the peer-review process of the submitted paper proposals according to the IAMO Forum guidelines. In the end, an organised session should contain 3 - 5 presentations.

Mini-symposia have a more open structure and the organisers will be responsible for all aspects of the mini-symposium, including soliciting, reviewing, and selecting the contributions.

## Call for Paper Proposals

We request the contribution of paper proposals with up to 1,500 words. Paper proposals need to include an abstract of up to 250 words plus a concise summary of the major research questions, data and methods, findings and key literature of the prospective paper. The paper proposals have to be submitted electronically in English via our website until 27 January 2013. Online submission will be open from mid-November 2012.

All contributed paper proposals will go through a peer review. Notification of selected proposals for an oral presentation will be sent by 15 March 2013. All accepted paper proposals will be published on the conference website.

Researchers from Central and Eastern Europe and China are strongly encouraged to submit paper proposals. In order to facilitate the participation of talented young researchers we offer a limited number of travel/ accommodation grants (depending on availability of funds).