

IAMO Forum 2020

Digital transformation – towards sustainable food value chains in Eurasia

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Digital innovations are seen as a major driver behind food economy growth in the future, not only in the EU but all over Eurasia. It is widely expected that the use of digital technologies will fundamentally change the conditions of development and the behavioral patterns of economic agents, bringing new business models and market structures, restoring competitive conditions, and strengthening global agri-food chains.

Against this backdrop, IAMO Forum 2020 is setting up a dialogue among researchers and stakeholders from business, politics, and society to discuss economic, social, environmental, and institutional aspects of the digital transformation of food value chains.

The geographical focus of the conference is on Europe, Central Asia, and China, including comparative studies. We welcome contributions providing insights into the following questions:

- What are the impacts of digital technologies on different segments of agri-food value chains?
- How are the benefits of digital technologies distributed among producers, consumers, and the agri-business?
- How to deal with potential risks of digitalization?
- How to meet the digital needs of producers, traders, and consumers, and boost trust in new technologies?
- How can digitalization contribute to improving sustainability of food systems?
- What are the prerequisites for a successful digital transformation?
- What is the role of policies in realizing the potential of digitalization?
- How can digital tools and methods be used for agricultural and applied research?

To address these issues, both quantitative and qualitative contributions from agricultural and food economics, economics, sociology, geography, and related disciplines are welcome. We also invite practitioners to share their experiences with the research community and to benefit from ongoing research.

The conference language will be English.

Call for Extended Abstracts

We request the contribution of extended abstracts with up to 1,000 words (excluding bibliography) in strict compliance with the provided formatting guidelines. The abstracts should include a concise summary of the significance, major research questions, data and methods, and findings. **Abstracts must be submitted electronically at www.iamo.de/forum/2020 until February 10, 2020.** All contributed extended abstracts will go through peer review. Notification of selected abstracts for an oral presentation will be sent on March 23, 2020. All accepted abstracts will be published on the conference website.

Call for Organized Sessions

We welcome proposals for organized sessions that match the theme of the IAMO Forum 2020. Session proposals should include the title of the proposed session and an abstract of up to 1,000 words (excluding bibliography) that concisely and clearly describes the relevance of the session to the meeting theme and states a list of potential speakers. **Session proposals must be submitted electronically at www.iamo.de/forum/2020 until February 10, 2020.**

Notification of acceptance of session proposals will be sent on March 23, 2020.

More detailed information about the IAMO Forum 2020 and the call for papers and organized sessions is available at www.iamo.de/forum/2020.

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