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Themenvorschläge Masterarbeiten/ Topics for Master theses

(co-)supervised by staff members of the Department of External Environment for Agriculture and Policy Analysis, Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Halle (Saale).

We are interested in integrating M.Sc. students into our ongoing research projects. Therefore, we offer to support and (co-)supervise M.Sc. theses (German or English). If necessary, we will assist in finding appropriate supervisors at the home university. For theses relying on field research abroad we will assist in applying for financial support (e.g. from DAAD). For requests or own suggestions for topics please contact the respective supervisor, preferably via e-mail [name][at]iamo.de.

Agricultural policy and institutional change

1. Agricultural policy of the Russian Federation's oblasts: Does competition leads to a race to the top? (knowledge of Russian language required)
2. Agricultural trade restrictions in CIS countries and neighbour's re-exports/imports: Is there a link?
3. EU support for private stocking of agricultural products: Evidence of hidden export subsidy?
4. Do inferior agricultural products exist? The role of economic development, competition on land and agricultural policies for the development of grain production in China

Supervisor: Herzfeld

5. Evolution of economic and institutional studies of land and water reforms in Central Asia: A literature review.
6. History and geography of land consolidation programs: A literature review.
7. Agricultural development in Central Asian economies: Are there intra-regional interdependencies after the independence?
8. Emergence and change of spatial economic structure in Kazakhstan after 1991.

Co-supervisor: Djanibekov

Rural development

9. Rural entrepreneurship in Serbia (or Montenegro/Romania/Macedonia/Bulgaria): success factors of small (non-farm) family businesses and their link to local rural development (field study)
10. The linkage between farm exit strategies and the rural non-farm sector (field study)
11. Informal business practices in Balkan rural areas and their implications for rural development (field study)
12. Corruption culture and rural development in the Balkans: a literature review

Co-supervisors: Möllers/Traikova

13. Demographic change and the provision of public services in remote rural areas: Is there a role for agriculture?

Co-supervisor: Wolz

14. Social trust and mental models in local collective action in transition (literature review and/or field study at country level)

Co-supervisor: Kvartiuk

15. Participatory governance in transition countries: which transition-related factors need to be considered to ensure effectiveness of the approach? (literature review and/or field study at country level)

Co-supervisor: Kvartiuk

Migration

16. The role of norms for migration and remitting decisions. A review of literature and empirical evidence for Europe and Southeast Asia.

Co-supervisor: Möllers

17. International and intra-national migration dynamics in Northern Vietnam and Southern China. How do they affect rural areas?

Co-supervisor: Möllers

18. Migration potential of the highly qualified workforce from Eastern Europe and the lack of qualified personnel in Eastern German agriculture (literature review and/or field study at country level)

Co-supervisor: Kvartiuk

Organisation of agricultural production

19. Community Supported Agriculture in Romania/Bulgaria: assessing the success and sustainability of a solidarity driven approach

Co-supervisors: Möllers/Traikova

20. Development and perspectives of agricultural producer cooperatives in East Germany/Romania/Bulgaria since 1990

Co-supervisor: Wolz/Möllers

21. Problems and experience of agricultural cooperatives in Vietnam since the adoption of the Cooperative Law in 1997

22. Options and perspectives of agricultural services cooperatives in transition economies (literature review and/or field study at country level)

23. Re-emergence of rural saving and credit cooperatives in transition economies: success and failures (literature review and/or field study at country level)

Econometrics

24. Production function estimation using different functional forms