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Cultivation of grain,
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Policy advice on global food security

The project 'Global Food Security and the Grain Markets of Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan' was commissioned by the German Federal Ministry of Nutrition, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV).

The research project is aimed at elaborating approaches to mobilization of grain production and export potentials in Russia, the Ukraine and Kazakhstan (RUK countries). Presently non-used farmland potentials, including set-aside land, and opportunities for enhancing productivity through utilisation of technical progress are being assessed. The central project component is an analysis of the RUK countries' importance for world grain markets focusing on trade relations with grain-importing Middle East countries, notably Egypt. Further key topics include institutional and infrastructure impediments to grain trading, such as transport and storage capacities and corruption. Analyses also cover the significance of market power and impact of political market interventions, e.g. export restrictions, on national grain markets. 'The RUK countries have major, as yet untapped potentials for the production of grain. The objective of our studies at IAMO is development of strategies to help mobilise such potentials both in production and grain export. We are developing specific recommendations for the BMELV for actions to support this development', said project coordinators Linde Götz and Thomas Glauben.

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Agricultural land,
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Volkswagen Foundation supports international research project

The food crisis and increasing agricultural prices prompted IAMO to engage in the research theme 'The Global Food Crisis – Impact on Wheat Markets and Trade in the Caucasus and Central Asia and the Role of Kazakhstan, Russia and the Ukraine'. The Volkswagen

Foundation has been funding the project with 566,000 EUR since March 2012 under its initiative 'Between Europe and Orient – Central Asia/the Caucasus at the Focus of Research'. The project investigates the functioning of wheat markets in the Caucasus region and Central Asia and analyses issues such as price transmission and price volatility, market structure, price formation and foreign trade. A further project objective is on-site capacity building. 'The involved future professionals from the countries under review, through their cooperation in an international research team and the IAMO education program, will acquire know-how and expertise for their work in Eastern agricultural markets', outlines IAMO Director Thomas Glauben.

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Corporate farming in
Kazakhstan; Photograph:
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Follow-up project on agrohholdings in CIS countries

IAMO, in conjunction with various cooperation partners from Russia, the Ukraine and Kazakhstan, is planning a follow-up project on the topic 'Agrohholdings in the Agrifood Sector in CIS Countries'. The study

will use the economic structures in major CIS countries (Russia, the Ukraine and Kazakhstan) to explain the formation of agrohholdings, analyse their functioning and assess their development prospects. Project officer Heinrich Hockmann anticipates this research project, funded by DFG (German Research Council), to yield not only new findings on micro-economic responses to the system change in the agrifood sector in those three large CIS countries but also new impetuses for theoretical and empirical research into the general topic of business groups.

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Land Use in Transition

IAMO Forum 2012

'Land Use in Transition: Potentials and Solutions between Abandonment and Land Grabbing' is the title of the IAMO Forum 2012, Halle (Saale), 20-22 June. Every conference day will be devoted to one key topic for discussion by international academics in four plenary session and twenty parallel sessions. On 20 June, the Forum will start off with a plenary session by Peter Verburg (University Amsterdam) and Helmut Haberl (Alpen-Adria-Universität) under the title 'Land Use Transitions'.

Speakers on Day 2 will be Jo Swinnen (University of Leuven) and Grigory Ioffe (Radford University) who will discuss 'Processes of Land Use Change' and associated economic and ecological impacts. Day 3 will deal with the topic 'Farmland Investments and Land Grabbing' through plenary lectures held by Max Spoor (Erasmus University, The Hague) and Klaus Deininger (World Bank). A panel discussion of the last topic will conclude this year's IAMO Forum. [Click on this link for the full IAMO Forum 2012 program.](#)



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IAMO Forum 2012

Land Use in Transition: Potentials and Solutions between Abandonment and Land Grabbing

20-22 June 2012, Halle (Saale)

Conference language: English

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HAWEPA Workshop,
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4th HAWEPA Workshop

On 16 and 17 July 2012, IAMO and its cooperation partner Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH) will host the 4th Halle Workshop on Efficiency and Productivity Analysis (HAWEPA). The keynote speaker will be Spiro E. Stefanou of Pennsylvania State University. The title of his paper is 'Dynamic Efficiency Measurement and its Application in Applied Research'. The workshop will provide an opportunity for young researchers to present and discuss their theoretical and empirical research findings and outcomes in the field of productivity and efficiency measurement. [Click on this link for further program information and registration for the 4th HAWEPA Workshop.](#)

4th HAWEPA-Workshop

Issues in Dynamic and Efficiency Analysis

16-17 July 2012, Halle (Saale)

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ScienceCampus Halle,
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Opening ceremony of ScienceCampus Halle

The ScienceCampus Halle – Plant-Based Bioeconomy (WCH) was officially inaugurated at IAMO on 8 June. Karl Ulrich Mayer, President of the Leibniz-Community (WGL), and Marco Tullner, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Science and Economic Affairs of Saxony-Anhalt, congratulated the new academic institution in their welcoming addresses. The festive program was rounded off with lectures by renowned scholars, including Klaus Pillen and Ludger Wessjohann, spokespersons for the ScienceCampus. The main objectives of the ScienceCampus are intensification of interdisciplinary collaboration between the Halle-based Leibniz institutes and the thematically corresponding departments of Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg in the field of plant-based bioeconomy, promotion of university education in the region of Halle (Saale) and support of knowledge and technology transfer to politics, economy and the public.

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Elena Epelstejn,
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Doctoral thesis

'Efficiency of Russian Poultry Producers: Development and Determinants' was the subject of Elena Epelstejn's doctoral thesis prepared at IAMO. The researcher analysed formation, functionality and intensity of integration processes in Russian poultry breeding. Epelstejn used an efficiency and productivity analysis of the Russian poultry meat sector and a case study of two selected poultry farms to identify the main factors that make such operations inefficient and outlined options for output potential enhancements. Her thesis also includes forecasts and trends for future development of integration processes in Russian poultry farming. Elena Epelstejn successfully defended her doctoral thesis in April this year.

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Daniela Schimming,
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New contact person for media representatives

Since May 2012, Daniela Schimming has been the maternity leave replacement for Britta Paasche and Rebekka Honeit in IAMO's Press and PR Department. Daniela Schimming studied applied media sciences at Technische Universität Ilmenau and for several years worked at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), also a Leibniz Community member. Daniela Schimming is the new IAMO contact person for journalist and other mass media representatives.

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Vacancies

IAMO is seeking new institute staff. The EPIKUR project has a vacancy for a PhD student. Several PhD student positions have to be filled for the project 'Global Food Security and the Grain Markets of Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan' in cooperation with the BMELV. A project on the food crises in the Caucasus region and Central Asia, funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, is seeking several PhD students. [Click on this link for more details.](#)

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New publications

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IAMO Annual 2012 [Download](#)

Studies on the Agricultural and Food Sector in Central and Eastern Europe

GAGALYUK, T. (Hrsg.) (2012): Goal Achievement in Supply Chain Networks -

A Study of the Ukrainian Agri-Food Business, Studies on the agricultural and food sector in Central and Eastern Europe, Bd. 64, Halle (Saale).

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