

## Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)

With its research focus IAMO is a **worldwide unique research institution of agricultural economics**. The institute analyses economic, social and political processes of change in the agricultural and food sector, as well as in rural areas in general. The geographic focus covers the enlarging EU, transition countries of Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe, as well as Central and Eastern Asia.

### Main tasks

- Internationally oriented research in agricultural and food economics
- Exchange of ideas between academic, business, and political communities
- Support of young academic scholars

### Main research areas

- Policies and institutions
- Natural resource use
- Livelihoods in rural areas
- Organization of agriculture
- Agricultural value chains

### Memberships

IAMO is a foundation under public law. Since its foundation in 1994, the institute has been part of the Leibniz Association, a German community of independent research institutes.

In addition, IAMO is a founding member of:



### Certificate



Equal opportunities award

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IAMO is looking for PhD students who are interested in questions of agricultural and food economics in countries of the enlarging EU, Eastern Europe, and Asia.



Yangyi Zeng is conducting research on farmer's pest control measures and incentives in China.

"I studied agricultural economics and management. At IAMO I am gaining a lot of experience that will be very helpful for my future career in my home country of China. The great scientific support I receive and the regular team meetings yield many interesting ideas and approaches that I am incorporating into my dissertation."

Iroda Amirova is looking at rural cooperation and collective action in irrigated Central Asia.

"I moved to Halle for my dissertation. Settling in to the university town on the Saale river, with its many cultural offerings and marvelous landscape, was easy. Thanks to its broad research network and connection to the University of Halle-Wittenberg, IAMO provides optimal grounds to further my research in land and water reforms in Central Asia."

## Requirements

- Completed university degree in the areas of agricultural economics, social sciences and economics or related disciplines
- Interest in empirical methods and modelling approaches
- Very good command in written and spoken English
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- High level of commitment, personal initiative and motivation

## We offer

- Challenging activities in an international and interdisciplinary research community
- Cooperation with national and international decision makers in agricultural and food economics
- Excellent infrastructure and continuing education offerings

## IAMO Graduate School

PhD students at IAMO are members of the IAMO Graduate School and participate in the structured Doctoral Certificate Program in Agricultural Economics, or a comparable subject-specific doctoral program. The Doctoral Certificate Program offers further education and specialisation on top of Bachelor and Master's study courses in agricultural, food and environmental disciplines.

IAMO enhances academic training and dissertation writing by offering students focused courses in theory and methods. The IAMO Graduate School provides specifically tailored seminars and facilitates access to international research networks and participation in conferences and workshops.

## Doctoral Certificate Program in Agricultural Economics

The Doctoral Certificate Program offers about 30 modules.

The IAMO teaching modules are inter alia:

- Agent-based Modelling in Agricultural and Resource Economics
- Political Economy of Agriculture in Developing and Emerging Economies
- The Political Economy of Agriculture in high-income Countries
- Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and spatial data analysis
- Household Behaviour: Theory and Applications

Additionally, you can enroll in soft skill modules.

Further information: [www.agraroeconomik.de](http://www.agraroeconomik.de)



Igor Ostapchuk is studying the growth strategies of large agricultural enterprises.

"To be a professional in your field means to have a solid background and extensive up-to-date knowledge. Thanks to IAMO, I have an excellent opportunity to research the topics of my interest, and be part of a network of professionals who are always open and eager to exchange, discuss, and collaborate. The IAMO Graduate School is one of the available options to gain knowledge and valuable recommendations for further professional development."

Jana Demoustier is researching the political economy of agricultural decision making within the EU multilevel system.

"After studying public policy and administration, and participating in the European Commission's 'Bluebook'-trainee program, I decided to enter a doctoral program. IAMO is the right place for my research, as it has high scientific standards in research while maintaining strong links to different stakeholders. The institute's family-friendly approach furthermore allows me to reconcile private and professional obligations."

