

Workshop “Political economy of agricultural policies and land relations”

March 5-6, 2020 | Halle (Saale), Germany



Objective

The workshop aims to bring together researchers from different disciplines to improve our theoretical and empirical understanding of political decision-making processes on agricultural and land-related policies. Political economy with its explicit consideration of politicians’ incentives and institutional setup increasingly finds its way into the economic and sociological scholarship. This workshop aims to provide a research platform for exchanging new “state of the art” research insights on how self-interested autocrats, political parties, interest groups, local governments and other stakeholders interact in forming agricultural policy outcomes and shaping policy discourses. Agricultural land as a central resource in agricultural production as well as local budgeting will be in the center of our discussion.

Venue

Conference Room I, Leibniz-Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), Theodor-Lieser-Str. 2, 06120, Halle (Saale), Germany

Program

Thursday, March 5

Political economy of land relations

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| 08:30-09:00 | Registration and coffee |
| 09:00-09:45 | A short welcome from the organizers <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thomas Herzfeld, “IAMO and FEDAGRIPOL Project”- Vasyl Kvartiuk, “Housekeeping and selected research areas on political economy in IAMO” |

Session 1. Chair: Thomas Herzfeld

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| 09:45-11:15 | Eduard Bukin , “Imperfect competition and transaction costs on the land sales market in Ukraine” (Giessen University, Germany) |
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Timna Michlmayr, “Subnational debt management in China: a ‘Land Finance’ perspective” (Vienna University, Austria)

Chen Qian¹, Xueqin Zhu, Gerrit Antonides, Nico Heerink, Xianlei Ma² “Land tenure security in rural China: A psychological economic perspective” (¹Wageningen University, Netherlands; ²Nanjing Agricultural University, China)

11:15-11:30 Coffee

Session 2. Chair: Vasyl Kvartiuk

11:30-12:30 **Zarema Akhmediyeva**, Thomas Herzfeld, “An empirical analysis of institutional change and land use in transition economies” (IAMO, Germany)

Jorge A. Rincón Barajas, “Land productivity after a formal title: Productivity dynamics and the role of complementary policies for land title beneficiaries in Colombia” (GIGA Hamburg / University of Göttingen, Germany)

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:15 Keynote: **Bjoern Alpermann**, “Left Behind or Active Aging? Rural Land and Eldercare in China Amid the Welfare Crisis” (University of Würzburg, Germany)

Session 3. Chair: Eduard Bukin

14:15-15:45 **Olena Myrna**, “Transferring farmland lease rights via online auctions: Competitive bidding and other factors influencing agricultural land prices in Ukraine” (Giessen University, Germany)

Shilajit Sengupta, “Political consequences of agrarian transition: Study of a semi-arid village of India” (National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, India)

Vasyl Kvartiuk¹, Thomas Herzfeld¹, Eduard Bukin², “Competition for state-owned agricultural land: Lessons from Ukrainian land auctions” (¹IAMO, Germany; ²Giessen University, Germany)

15:45-16:00 Coffee

Session 4. Chair: Zarema Akhmediyeva

16:00-17:30 **Florian Heinrich**¹, Franziska Appel¹, Alfons Balmann¹, “Can land market regulations fulfill their promises?” (¹IAMO, Germany)

Vitalii Dankevych, “Trends in the use of land shares in Ukraine” (Zhytomyr National Agroecological University, Ukraine)

Siphe Zantsi et al., “Funding mechanism of land redistribution beneficiaries in South Africa—bottlenecks and possible solutions: Evidence from a survey of commercial and smallholder farmers” (Agroscope, Switzerland)

17:45 A short excursion

19:00 Common dinner

Friday, March 6

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09:00-09:45 Keynote: **Christilla Roederer-Rynning** (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark)

Session 5. Chair: Thomas Herzfeld

09:45-11:15 **Vladimir Otrashchenko**¹, Elena Tyurina², Artur Nagapetyan², “Institution quality and preservation of environmental goods and services: Evidence from the field experiment in Russia” (¹Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Germany; ²Far Eastern Federal University, Russia)

Argyris Sakalis¹, Pantelis Kammas², Vassilis Sarantides², “Raising the stakes or skipping class? Agricultural shocks and education in 19th century Greece” (¹University of Sheffield, UK; ²Athens University, Greece)

10:45-11:00 Coffee

Session 6. Chair: Vasyl Kvartiuk

11:00-12:00 **Siranush Ghukasyan**, “The economic and political determinants of the distribution of Russian subsidies to agriculture” (IAMO, Germany)

Bjoern Alpermann¹, Mei Dong^{1,2}, “Social impact assessment of voluntary poverty emigration – A case study of Ningxia province” (¹Würzburg University, Germany; ²Ningxia University, China)

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-13:45 Keynote: **Andrey Yakovlev** (Higher School of Economics, Russia)

Session 7. Chair: Siranush Ghukasyan

13:45-15:15 **Fan Li**¹, Qian Chen^{1,2}, “Building a model to stimulate: How new socialist countryside program affecting rural residences’ social welfare” (¹Wageningen University, Netherlands; ²Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China)

Jarmila Curtiss, “Farmland sale-and-leaseback market in Germany: Interests, risks and politics” (Halle University, Germany)

Thomas Herzfeld, Vasyl Kvartiuk “Do members of regional parliaments in Russia subsidize their own agricultural businesses?” (IAMO, Germany)

15:15-15:30 Closing remarks

16:00 End of the workshop

Time management

Each presenter is allocated 30 minutes to present a paper. We recommend spending 20-22 min for presentation and the rest to accommodate the discussion/feedback.

Slides

Please, bring your presentation on a USB stick and upload it to the Workshop PC prior to your session.