Call for submissions
Political economy of agricultural policies
March 5 – 6, 2020 | Halle, Germany

Objective

The workshop aims to bring together researchers from different disciplines to improve our theoretical, empirical and methodological understanding of political actor’s decision making in the field of agricultural and rural policies. In the European Union, the USA as well as in many emerging economies of Europe and Asia, agricultural reforms are either under way or are actively debated in the public domains. While quite a number of studies focused on liberalisation reforms during the 1990s and 2000s, most recent policy developments attracted less scholarly attention. This workshop aims to build an ad-hoc research platform for exchanging new research insights and developing new research activities on the political economy of agricultural policies. We are interested in studies that study the role of autocrats, party politics, interest groups, stakeholders within administration as well as regional and national governments in forming agricultural policy outcomes and shaping policy discourses.

We welcome contributions from different academic disciplines (including, but not limited to, political science, economics, and development studies), covering different regions and using different methodologies and techniques (theoretical, empirical, qualitative, and quantitative). In particular, the workshop will focus on the following topics:

- Decentralisation of political decision-making and administrative reforms
- Intergovernmental relations and agricultural policies
- Role of food, animal welfare and environmentalist action groups
- Corruption, rule of law, quality of bureaucracy
- Synchronisation of policies in custom unions/ international economic cooperation
- Diversification of agricultural interests, its impact on interest group organisation and policy
- Agricultural policy in state-dominated economies
- Political economy of land relations and land reforms

How to apply?

Please, submit a structured abstract (max. 500 words) by 17th November 2019 to Dr. Vasyl Kvartiuk, kvartiuk@iamo.de, with a subject line “Workshop Political Economy”. To facilitate the review process, submitted abstracts need to explicitly follow the following structure:
Research Type: Conceptual, theoretical, empirical or a review (select one)

Research Question/Issue: One or two sentences presenting the focus of the paper

Method: Two or three sentences clarifying the methodological approach chosen, and data source; if the paper is conceptual/theoretical state the main framework your research builds on.

Key Findings/Insights: Two to three sentences explaining the findings or insights derived from your study. This section should highlight the contribution of your work to the broader literature.

Implications: In this section, please state the broader implications of your findings for researchers and/or policy-makers, as appropriate.

Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by 7th December 2019.

Expenses

There is no fee for attending the workshop. Participants are however expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. Unfortunately, we are not in position to offer travel grants.

Format of the meeting

Our goal is to facilitate a substantive and lively discussion during the Workshop. Every paper presentation will be assigned a discussant who will read the paper and provide a short feedback after the presentation. It is thus important to submit full papers two weeks before the workshop.

Contact person

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