

Workshop “Agricultural Innovations, Rural Development and Globalization Processes in Central Asia”

17 February 2020 | Halle (Saale), Germany



The full day workshop aims to bring together researchers from different disciplines to better understand processes of globalization and agricultural innovations towards agricultural and rural development in Central Asian countries. In order to exploit agriculture’s potential in a sustainable way, innovations as well as reforms of the current institutional environment are required. Challenges relate to non-transparent and poorly defined land ownership and tenure relations, a high discretionary involvement of governments in input and output markets, high transaction costs, inadequate access to credit for farmers and a limited provision of public goods and services. However, innovations and integration into global markets will have implications for structural changes, rural labour markets, rural socio-economy, as well as farmers’ behaviour. The important role of these processes has attracted attention of social scientists from various related fields, including agricultural economists. This workshop aims to build a platform for researchers working on topics related to Central Asian agriculture in order to share their ideas for further agricultural and rural development.

We welcome contributions from different academic disciplines including, but not limited to, political science, economics, and development studies, covering the following topics within a Central Asian context/from a Central Asian perspective using different methodologies and techniques:

- Agricultural innovation system and agricultural production
- Social impact of agricultural technology adoption
- Agricultural policies and innovation adoption
- Rural employment, migration and income diversification
- Commercialization and value chain development
- Role of different farm types in agricultural development
- Sustainable management of land and water resources in agriculture
- Trade, regional integration and internationalization
- Globalization effects on Central Asian agriculture

Application

Interested applicants are invited to submit a structured abstract (max. 500 words) as a pdf-file by 15 December 2019 to caworkshop@iamo.de with a subject line “Workshop Agricultural Innovations”. To facilitate the review process, submitted abstracts should be organized according to the following structure: (1) Research type: Conceptual, theoretical, empirical or a review; (2) Research question presented in 1-2 sentences; (3) Short description of methodological approach, and data source; (4) Key research findings described in 2-3 sentences; (5) Broader implications of the research findings for researchers and/or policy-makers. The abstract should also contain names and full affiliation of authors.

All contributed extended abstracts will go through peer review. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by 20 December 2019.

Expenses

There is no fee for attending the workshop. Participants are however expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

Important deadlines

- 15 December 2019 Submission of extended abstracts
- 20 December 2019 Notification of accepted abstracts
- 17 February 2020 Workshop in IAMO

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