



Central Asian Workshop

“Persistence and Change of Institutions in Natural Resources Management in Central Asian context”

Division of Resource Economics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin,
Hannoversche Str. 27, D-10099 Berlin.

January 26-29, 2016

Since the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1991, the management of natural resources have undergone substantial reforms in Central Asia. This period of change triggered the emergence of an academic discourse on how the post-Socialist transition, societal transformation and institutional change should be conceptualized. There has been a shift in understanding of the nature of the transition process: from top-down approaches to designing post-Socialist transition to a critical analysis of bottom-up transformation and institutional change. The transformation context has been perceived as an experimental laboratory, where actors develop and try out new organizational forms and institutional arrangements. In many cases, path dependence and institutional complementarities with informal institutions (real practices) have played key roles in the transformation process.

From this perspective, post-Socialist institutional change has been characterized by: vulnerability of livelihoods, institutional and economic uncertainties that have resulted from radical agricultural reforms; path dependence and persistence of traditional institutions and Soviet institutions; and discrepancy and complex interplay between law and social organization, informal and formal institutions. It can also be observed that conflicts, bargaining and power relationships among actors shape institutional change.

Seeking to contribute to the on-going political and scientific discourse regarding institutional change and their impact in the region and facilitate cooperation between researchers from Central Asia and Germany, we are pleased to organize the Central Asian Workshop on “Persistence and Change of Institutions in Natural Resources Management in Central Asian context”, where scholars will present their studies and critically discuss driving factors as well as implications of change.

The workshop is organised under the WINS Central Asian Working Group in close cooperation with the InDeCA project “Designing Social Institutions in Transition: Promotion of Institutional Development for Common Pool Resources Management in Central Asia”, funded by the VolkswagenStiftung, the NAREMACA project “Natural Resource Management in Central Asia”, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, as well as the Erasmus Mundus Euro-Asian CEA programme “Euro-Asian Cooperation for Excellence and Advancement”, funded by the European Commission.

The WINS Central Asian Working Group is based at WINS in Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin’s Integrative Research Institute on Transformations of Human-Environment Systems (IRI THESys). The Working Group aims to analyse institutions and governance structures in Social-Ecological-Technical Systems (SETS) in Central Asia.



Venue: Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum, Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 1/3, 10117 Berlin.

Workshop program

Tuesday, January 26, 2016	
8:30-9.00	Registration
9:00-9.15	Opening Prof. Dr. Konrad Hagedorn, Head of the Division of Resource Economics at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
9:15-9:30	Introduction Dr. Dimitrios Zikos, NAREMACA and InDeCA Project Coordinator <i>Project's State of the Art and WINS Central Asian Working Group</i>
9:30-10:30	NAREMACA Working Groups: Ulan Kasymov <i>Pastoral Institutions and real Practices in Transformation</i> Dr. Andrei Dörre <i>Resource Management in Local Practice in Mountain Regions of Central Asia</i> Dr. Ahmad Hamidov <i>Water Resources Management in Central Asian context: Challenges and Opportunities</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12.30	Irrigation Water and Land Management Moderation by Prof. Abdulkhakim Salokhiddinov and Dr. Natalya Stupak Kahramon Jumaboev <i>Water management under uncertainty, climate change and transboundary context: a case study of the Shahimardansay small transboundary river in the Ferghana Valley of Central Asia</i> Tolmasbek Boltayev <i>Institutional analysis of irrigated land degradation in Uzbekistan</i> Beril Ocakli <i>Stakeholder analysis in coupled social-ecological systems: a tool for exploring the role of institutions in conflict and cooperation? Empirical evidence from the mining sector and the commons in Kyrgyzstan</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Pasture Management Moderation by Dr. Ermek Baibagyshov and Dr. Regina Neudert Gulzana Kurmanalieva <i>Shared pasture resource conflicts in South Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan: Institutional arrangements in trans-boundary contested areas</i> Wibke Crewett <i>Implementation bottlenecks for donor-driven rangeland management reforms. The example of the Kyrgyz Pasture Law</i>

15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:00	<p>Poster session:</p> <p>Rebecka Ridder <i>Costs of Pasture Degradation: Evaluation of pastoral Practices in Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p>Franziska Hoppe <i>Degradation of Pastoral Resources in the Kyrgyz Republic under Post-Soviet Transformation</i></p> <p>Poshoazimkhon Khakimova <i>Impact of climate change on agriculture in arid zones</i></p> <p>Aizaada Bekboeva <i>Pastures versus mining: Explaining the land use conflicts in Naryn Oblast of Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p>Adham Akbarov <i>"Comparative analysis of wheat supply chains in Armenia and Uzbekistan"</i></p>
16:00-17:30	<p>Resource Management in Local Practice</p> <p>Moderation by Dr. Andrei Dörre and Dr. Kanysh Nurymgereyev</p> <p>Hilde Schaddenhorst & Gerrit Füssel <i>Understanding Community-Managed Hill Irrigation Systems in the Tajik Pamirs</i></p> <p>Fraser Patterson & Erich Fiehn <i>Finding a Balance in Participatory Forest Management in the Gunt Valley, Western Pamirs, Tajikistan</i></p> <p>Chorshanbe Goibnazarov & Andrei Dörre <i>The social organization of resource utilization, entitlements, water supply and consumption in Shirgin, Western Pamirs, Tajikistan</i></p>
17:30-17:45	<p>Closing</p> <p>Dr. Dimitrios Zikos</p>
19.00	<p>Joint dinner</p> <p>Restaurant Cum Laude, Platz der Märzrevolution, □10117 Berlin</p>

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

9:00-10:30	<p>Resource Management in Local Practice</p> <p>Moderation by Dr. Andrei Dörre and Dr. Azamat Isakov</p> <p>Dr. Kanysh Nurymgereyev <i>Food security and land governance in Central Asia</i></p> <p>Juliane Groth <i>Societal Vulnerability in Northern Kyrgyzstan</i></p> <p>Umut Zholdoshova <i>The Model of Local Community Engagement in Mountainous Forest Ecosystems Management in Kyrgyzstan</i></p>
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10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12.30	<p>Irrigation Water and Land Management Moderation by Dr. Madina Khalmirzaeva and Azim Nazarov Dr. Farhad Mukhtarov <i>Examining the “Policy Translation” Lens for Understanding Water Sector Reform in Central Asia</i> Dr. Nodir Djanibekov <i>Inter-farm interactions as flexibility for improving crop production: The case of cotton farmers in Uzbekistan</i> Dr. Abdurashit Isabaev <i>Analysis of water distribution at Water Consumer Association level in selected regions of Uzbekistan</i> Dr. Madina Khalmirzaeva <i>The role of Water Consumers Associations in providing environmental sustainability</i></p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	<p>Pasture Management Moderation by Dr. Farhad Mukhtarov and Ulan Kasymov Dr. Regina Neudert <i>Commonalities and differences in the regulation of common pasture use – a comparative view on Azerbaijan and Georgia</i> Altynai Achilova <i>Challenges in Implementation of New Institutions in Pasture Management</i> Dr. Azamat Isakov <i>Pasture reform and institutional development in Kyrgyzstan</i></p>
15.00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:30	<p>Synthesis of the working groups by Discussants Overall synthesis by Dr. Dimitrios Zikos</p>
16:30-16:45	<p>Closing Prof. Dr. Konrad Hagedorn</p>

<p>Excursion Thursday, January 28, 2016</p>	
8.00	Departure from Berlin
9:30-11:00	<p>Guided Tour Ecological Farm Brodowin by Mr. Krenz, Managing Director of Brodowin (including a small Buffet of products produced in Brodowin) Brodowin is a certified Ecological Farm which emerged from an LPG (East German Cooperative) and evolved into a showcase farm which is today based on</p>

	ecological farming, processing of food products and direct marketing of food products.
11.00-13.30	Bus transfer Brodowin – Güstrow (Brodowin Lunch-Packages for participants)
13.30-16.00	<p>Visit to Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe (FNR) (http://international.fnr.de)</p> <p>In Germany, FNR is the central coordinating institution for research, development and demonstration projects in the field of renewable resources. It coordinates activities on renewable resources throughout Germany according to the guidelines of the R&D Funding program for Renewable Resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with: Mr. Dr. Torsten Gabriel (Head of Public Relations) and Mrs. Dr. Lesya Matiyuk, Head of Department EU/International Cooperation and responsible for the projects BIO-PROM and RESAVE • Visit to the local heat power plant based on straw <p>BIO-PROM stands for the project “Promoting sustainable production and use of bioenergy in the Russian Federation and Ukraine” funded by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB). FNR coordinates BIO-PROM aiming to promote sustainable production and use of bioenergy in the Russian Federation and Ukraine.</p>
16.00-19.00	Transfer Güstrow - Berlin
19.00	Arrival in Berlin

Participatory Project Development

Friday, January 29, 2016

Venue: Room 2.21, Haus 12, Hannoversche Str. 27, D-10099 Berlin.

9.00 - 9:30	Presentation of project calls, which can be targeted Jan Hansen
9:30-10:00	Introduction by Dr. Susanne Hofmann-Souki and Dr. Dimitrios Zikos What we want to achieve today? - Elements of a project logframe and potential entry points Research approach - Testing solutions and transdisciplinary process
10.00-10.30	Coffee break
10.30-11.00	Starting point Where we ended at the NAREMACA Workshop in Tashkent and where we stand now? Presentations of the working groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasture Management • Irrigation Water and Land Management • Resource Management in Local Practice Following discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potential solutions of a given problem 2. Actors who are part of the solution (organisations/names!) 3. How should the project results need to look like for those actors to engage?
11:00-11:30	Development of the project logframe moderated by Dr. Susanne Hofmann-Souki: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulating drafts of project objectives • Work packages/results and/or indicators • Planning of next steps Crucial issues to be addressed: What needs doing by whom and until when so that a good-quality proposal is feasible? Who is the person to follow up?
11.30-12.30	Group work
12.30-13:30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Group work

15.00-16.00	Presentations of working groups and feedback in plenary Planning of next steps
17:00-17:15	Closing Dr. Dimitrios Zikos