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Abstract

Lu Yu's presentation will introduce into her research on Chinese pastoral resource management, which has been undergoing rapid transformation, due to dramatic grassland degradation and intense institutional changes in local herding communities of northern China over the last three decades. Synthesizing the findings from the case studies, her research analyzes the dynamic inter-relationships between transactions, actors and institutions in the context of a complex and dynamic social-ecological system. In particular, she will present one of the key findings of her research that local herders are now shifting towards more individualized grassland use and increased short-term considerations of profit maximization, both of which might ultimately undermine the long-term sustainable use of grassland. The research finds that, rather than grassland privatization, a broader institutional context influenced by the implementation of a grazing ban has led to such changes.

Short bio

Lu Yu is a PhD candidate in the Division of Resource Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany. She has been working on rural development, climate mitigation and adaptation, social transformation, institutional arrangements of natural resource conservation. Her PhD analyze Chinese pastoral resource management undergoing rapid transformations.