

IAMO Forum 2017 | Call for Submissions

Eurasian Food Economy between Globalization and Geopolitics

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Globalization has many faces within the Eurasian region. Much like the European Union and the USA, Eurasian countries such as China and the Russian Federation are trying to modify their globalization strategies. Furthermore, competing regional integration schemes like the Russian 'Eurasian Economic Union', the Chinese 'Silk Road Initiative', or the EU's 'Eastern Partnership (DCFTAs)' pursue differing geopolitical visions. Nevertheless, globalization makes it imperative for Eurasian transition countries to create open and internationally competitive food economies. At the same time, a number of governments are strengthening their control of domestic food chains. In parts of the former Soviet Union, geopolitical conflicts and macroeconomic downturns pose further risks for trade expansion and sustained globalization.

Against this backdrop, the future of the globalizing food economy in the Eurasian region is difficult to predict. The question at stake is which strategy will yield the greatest benefits from a deeper participation in the global food economy. The IAMO Forum 2017 aims to provide a platform to discuss ongoing research and different strategies to ensure food security and intensify trade in the context of geopolitical tensions and divergent trade integration efforts. Contributions on the following topics are welcome:

- Development and performance of Eurasian food chains;
- Food trade and foreign direct investments;
- Food security and changing consumption patterns;
- Market integration and food chain organization;
- Political economy and institutional environment;
- Globalization strategies, trade agreements, and geopolitical visions;
- Globalization, climate change, and food production;
- Socio-economic consequences in the wake of globalization;
- Risks of geopolitical conflicts and macroeconomic downturns; and
- Future perspectives of the Eurasian food economy.

Submissions that do not correspond to the above topics but fit within the general conference theme will also be considered by the organizing committee. The conference contributions may utilize a variety of methodological approaches and come from different academic disciplines, including economics, sociology, geography, and political sciences. We appreciate research contributions with a focus on transition countries from Europe, the former Soviet Union, the Far East, and the Middle East.

Call for Organized Sessions

We welcome proposals for organized sessions relevant to the theme of the IAMO Forum 2017. Session proposals should include the title of the proposed session and an abstract of up to 1,000 words (excluding bibliography) that concisely and clearly describes the relevance of the session to the conference theme and states a list of potential speakers. **Session proposals are to be submitted electronically at www.iamo.de/forum/2017 by Monday, January 16, 2017.** Notification of acceptance of session proposals will be sent by Monday, February 20, 2017.

Call for Papers

We request the submission of full papers in English, of no more than 7,000 words and in strict compliance with the formatting guidelines. **Papers are to be submitted electronically at www.iamo.de/forum/2017 by Monday, February 6, 2017.** All contributed papers will be subject to peer review. Notification of papers for an oral presentation will be sent by Monday, March 6, 2017. All accepted papers will be published on the conference website.

The conference will be jointly organized by IAMO and the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**.

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