

Call for Submissions

IAMO Forum 2019: Small farms in transition: How to stimulate inclusive growth?

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Farms below two hectares produce one third of global food supply. Furthermore, these farms form an important element in securing social stability in rural areas of many European and Asian transition economies. The role of small farms as an engine of agricultural growth, a reserve employment source and a social safety net varies depending on a country's context. In the poorer countries of the region, these small farms still represent a major element of rural life. However, their future is uncertain among others due to a low interest in farming of the younger generation and because they are excluded from almost all agricultural policy instruments. Instead of public policies that benefit a broader agricultural population, many governments implement selective measures benefiting medium-size and large farms.

Against this background, the conference will address the important challenges: How and via which channels does a country's general economic development trickle-down to small farms? What is the role of small farms in agricultural growth in transition economies? How to enable small farms to participate in technological development and to access innovations? Which forms of cooperation would be beneficial for these farms and which ones are accepted by them? How can small farms navigate often dysfunctional institutional environment and successfully compete with larger counterparts? Which policies increase welfare and are able to benefit small farms and rural households? Finally, which factors explain the large-farm bias of agricultural policies?

IAMO Forum 2019 focuses on the interlinkages between small farm development as well as agricultural and public policies. The drivers and consequences will be debated from perspective of economics, political sciences, sociology, anthropology and economic history. We welcome submissions of papers addressing the following issues with a regional focus on Europe, Central Asia and China:

- Role of small farms for agricultural growth, food security and resilience
- Public policies promoting competitiveness of small farms and enabling livelihood strategies of rural households
- Political economy of agricultural and pro-poor public policies
- Commercialization and smallholder participation in value chains
- Role of corruption and informality for small farms
- Interaction between corporate agribusiness and small farms
- New forms of cooperation in rural areas
- Allocation of land and tenure security
- Access to production inputs and finance
- Role of income diversification and migration in small farm development
- Role of women in small farm development

Call for Extended Abstracts

We request the contribution of extended abstracts with up to 1,000 words (excluding bibliography) in strict compliance with the provided formatting guidelines. The abstracts need to include a concise summary of the significance, major research questions, data and methods, and findings. **Abstracts must be submitted electronically at www.iamo.de/forum/2019 until Sunday, February 10, 2019.** All contributed extended abstracts will go through peer review. Notification of selected abstracts for an oral presentation will be sent by Monday, March 25, 2019. All accepted abstracts will be published on the conference website.

Call for Organized Sessions

We welcome proposals for organized sessions that match the theme of the IAMO Forum 2019. 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 meeting theme and states a list of potential speakers. **Session proposals must be submitted electronically at www.iamo.de/forum/2019 until Sunday, February 10, 2019.** Notification of acceptance of session proposals will be sent by Monday, March 25, 2019.

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