



Study Programme:
Master Agricultural Economics (elective module)
International Master Rural development (elective compulsory module)
Participatory Research Methods

The course is targeting students who are interested in qualitative and participatory research methods in rural development in developing countries and countries in transition. It covers aspects of „bottom up“ processes of rural development in Europe. Starting from the background of participatory methods in rural areas, instruments of the „PRA toolbox“ (Participatory Rural Appraisal) – are practised and discussed. Interview techniques (preparation, interviewing and analysis of qualitative data) are practised in the classroom and in the “field” with visitors in the “Long Night of Sciences” (14th June 2008). Research papers (compulsory) are offered in the following fields: 1. [Bottom-Up Rural Movements in Europe](#); 2. [Gender and Development](#); 3. [Participatory Disaster Risk Management](#); 4. [Livelihood Analysis](#); 5. [Participatory Poverty Assessment](#); 6. [Participation and Watershed Management](#); 7. [Participatory Assessments in Emergencies/Food Security](#); 8. [Participatory Agricultural Extension](#); 9. [Participatory Community Development](#).

The course aims at developing practical skills. Therefore, active and regular participation of the participants is expected. Research papers and many practical exercises will contribute to reach the learning objectives.

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Location:	Luisenstr. 53, SR 217
Time:	Wednesday, 08:30 to 12:00 h (see programme) Week end seminar 23. - 24. May 2008; 14th June 2008
First session:	Wednesday, 16th April 2008, 08.30
Subscription:	course limited to 14 participants; before course starts please email to silke.stoeber@agrar.hu-berlin.de
Examination:	active participation, research paper, presentation