



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 of transformation. It also 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” (Berlin) with representatives from GTZ, InWEnt, and NGOs of international development co-operation. Research papers (compulsory) are offered in the following fields: 1. [Rural Development in Europe](#); 2. [Gender and Development](#); 3. [Disaster Risk Management](#); 4. [Livelihood Analysis](#); 5. [Participatory Poverty Assessment](#); 6. [Participation and Watershed Management](#); 7. [Participatory Land Use Planning](#); 8. [Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation](#).

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

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Location:	Luisenstr. 53, SR 217
Time:	Friday, 12:30 to 15:45 h (see programme) Week end seminar 11. - 13. May 2007
First session:	Friday, 20th April 2007, 12.30 s.t.
Subscription:	course limited to 14 participants; before course starts please email to silke.stoeber@agrار.hu-berlin.de
Examination:	active participation, research paper, presentation