



Announcement and Call for Papers

165th EAAE Seminar

Agricultural Land Markets – Recent Developments, Efficiency and Regulation

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The venue Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Humboldt Graduate School, Luisenstr. 56, 10117 Berlin, Germany is located in the centre of Berlin. Berlin is one of the most dynamic and cosmopolitan cities of Europe. It is a place of dense history, offering a wide range of opportunities for business, culture, science, and tourism, which will further increase the attractiveness of visiting Berlin.

1 Theme and Background

This seminar appraises recent developments on agricultural land markets and their drivers. The complexity of factors that determine the outcome of land markets calls for a multidisciplinary approach including (agricultural) economics, sociology, geography, and statistics. Apart from direct outcomes such as prices and their spatial and regional patterns, we also target at addressing indirect outcomes such as land use because they directly relate to societal concerns. Another objective is to discuss the evaluation of existing and proposed policy instruments as a pre-condition to enrich debates on land market regulation.

Recent surges in agricultural land prices as well as ongoing changes in land use due to urban sprawl, expansion of renewable energy production, and growing demands on the part of non-agricultural investors have triggered debates on the effectiveness and appropriateness of existing land market regulations. Although boom and bust cycles are not new to land markets, current developments are considered to result from a new constellation of driving forces.

Another cause for concerns by policy makers and other stakeholders is an “unsound” or “unfair” concentration of land property rights. Moreover, the share of farmed land owned by farmers is constantly decreasing in most developed economies. The controversy on land ownership is a major theme in the land-grabbing literature. Usually associated with developing countries, land-grabbing has been shown to occur also in the global north and the EU.

These findings challenge conventional wisdom and are particularly disconcerting since an unequal distribution of land is likely fuelling social unrest and political conflicts in

rural areas. The regional focus of the seminar is on developed economies and transition countries, particularly in the EU.

2 Objectives

Given the current discussion on land market regulations, the proposed seminar pursues two objectives: First, to investigate the outcome of land markets to verify whether they fulfil their societal functions or whether a need for further policy intervention exists. To this end, the seminar intends to take an overarching view of the recent developments in agricultural land markets and their drivers. The second objective is to evaluate existing and proposed policy instruments and the design of regulation. This includes discussing and analysing the state-of-the-art in research methods for theoretical and empirical analysis of agricultural land markets.

The seminar offers a platform to exchange ideas and to generate an integrated view of evaluating and regulating the outcomes of agricultural land markets. Due to its political topicality, the seminar is not only relevant for a scientific community, but also for decision makers in politics and administration.

3 Topics

The seminar will be based on oral presentations in plenary sessions by invited speakers and in parallel workgroups. Expected topics to be covered by the papers include the following items:

- Drivers of land prices
- Market microstructure and price formation in land markets
- Urban sprawl, the interaction of rural and urban land markets
- Bargaining power in rural and urban land markets
- Efficiency of agricultural land markets
- Impact of existing and proposed regulations on price formation and the allocation of land
- Land market dynamics, developing land market institutions, and land use intensity
- Environmental issues in land markets

- Ethical principles in agricultural land markets
- Interaction of land markets and structural change in agriculture
- Theoretical advances to better understand agricultural land markets
- Advances in empirical methods to analyse land markets

4 Call for papers

The seminar invites an international scientific audience in the fields of agricultural economics, agricultural policy, farm management and any other field referring to the subject.

Participants, who intend to contribute a paper, are invited to submit an extended **abstract** of maximal 2 pages in English by **November 04, 2018**, via www.eaae165.hu-berlin.de. The abstract should indicate: 1) the question addressed, 2) the concepts and theories to which one refers, 3) the methodology used, and 4) the results obtained.

Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by **December 07, 2018**. The deadline for the final submission of accepted papers is **March 03, 2019**. All accepted papers will be published on <http://ageconsearch.umn.edu>. A selection of contributed papers will be published in a special issue of the European Review of Agricultural Economics (ERAE) after an external review process following the journal's guidelines.

5 Organization

The seminar is organized by the Department of Agricultural Economics at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and is sponsored by DFG – German Research Foundation.



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Due to organizational and technical constraints the number of participants is limited to 80 persons.

The official language of the seminar will be English.

The 2-day seminar with parallel sessions will last from the morning of Thursday, April 4 until the afternoon of Friday, April 5, 2019. The evening of the first day is devoted to an official dinner.

6 Registration

Participants are kindly asked to pre-register by February 1, 2019. (Pre-)registration will be available through the seminar website www.eaae165.hu-berlin.de.

7 Participation fee

Participants of an EAAE Seminar *have to be member* of the EAAE at the time of registration for the Seminar. For those, who are not yet member, the EAAE membership fee is 120 Euro for the period 2017 – 2019 to be paid in advance of registration *to the EAAE* via <http://www.eaae.org>.

Registration will be possible until the seminar starts, but reduced rate subscription is offered until February 1, 2019. On-site-registration is online only plus 50 Euro.

	Students	EAAE-Members
until February 1	150 Euro	250 Euro
after February 1	200 Euro	295 Euro

Fees include lunches on both seminar days, dinner on the first day, and coffee during the breaks. Accommodation is not included.



8 Important dates

Abstract Submission:	November 04, 2018
Author Notification:	December 07, 2018
Deadline Full Papers:	March 03, 2019
Early bird registration:	February 01, 2019
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