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Summer School 2017

Foundations and Methods of Agricultural Economics and Policy for Sustainable Mountainous Development

At the campus of the College of Natural Resources (CNR) in Lobesa (Bhutan)

Seminar 1 // Principles of farm economics and resource planning // 11.9 – 15.9.2017

Seminar 2 // Environmental economics in the context of Bhutan // 18.9 – 22.9.2017

Seminar 3 // Analysis of agricultural policy scenarios in Bhutan // 25.9 – 29.9.2017

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- *You would like to enhance your theoretical and practical knowledge in applied economics and natural resource management?*
- *You are interested in learning about the principles of farm business analysis, environmental economics and agricultural policy?*
- *You would like to acquire analytical skills by applying methods hands-on using real world examples?*

... then register for the **CNR Summer School 2017!**

Application Deadline: 20th of August, 2017

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What is the CNR summer school about?

The **CNR Summer School 2017** is a three week summer school focusing on *Foundations and Methods of Agricultural Economics and Policy for Sustainable Mountainous Development*. The school is jointly organized by the College of Natural Resources (CNR), Lobesa, the Humboldt-University of Berlin and University of Hohenheim. The summer school consists of three one-week modules and will take place on the CNR campus at Lobesa from September, 11th to 29th 2017.

Objective and content

The objective of the summer school is to familiarize participants with state of the art theories and research methods in agricultural economics. The focus is on methods which can be applied within the participants' academic or professional work using relatively simple software tools (primarily Microsoft Excel). The summer school consists of three week-long seminars:

Seminar 1 focuses on the principles of farm economics and resource planning and will introduce participants to resource and investment analysis.

Seminar 2 builds on seminar 1 and extends the scope to environmental economics, teaching participants methods to consider environmental aspects in cost-benefit analysis.

Seminar 3 teaches the participants the implications of agricultural policies using policy scenarios relevant to Bhutan.

Each seminar will contain real world case studies, which relate to relevant topics of the Bhutanese agricultural sector such as sustainable land management, mechanization of land preparation, conversion to organic agriculture and mitigation of human-wildlife conflicts. An important feature of the summer school is that participants are taught methods hands-on such that they will be able to conduct own analysis during the summer school. Please note, the preliminary schedule of each seminar week is presented at the end of this flyer.

Who is teaching at the summer school?

Dr. Jonas Luckmann (Lecturer seminar 1)

Dr. Jonas Luckmann is a research associate at the Chair of International Agricultural Trade and Development at Humboldt-University of Berlin. His areas of research include econometric analysis of agricultural markets as well as the management of water and ecosystem services applying simulation modelling, focusing on economy-wide models. Together with Mr. Feuerbacher, Dr. Luckmann is working on improving the representation of the specificities of the Bhutanese agricultural sector in general equilibrium models. He is primarily interested in analyzing policies to promote sustainable agriculture and the preservation of natural resources.



Prof. Dr. Christian Lippert (Lecturer seminar 2)



Prof. Lippert is a professor for Production Theory and Resource Economics at University of Hohenheim in Germany. His past research focused on the analysis of land use activities like organic farming and the assessment of regional climate impacts on German agriculture. His current research deals with the valuation of ecosystem services and environmental resources. Prof. Lippert is especially interested in how Bhutan's pioneering role for natural resource conservation can be combined with policies for sustainable rural livelihoods. He visited Bhutan in 2016 and is currently working on the economic valuation of measures mitigating the human-wildlife conflict in Bhutan.

Prof. Dr. Harald Grethe (Lecturer seminar 3)

Prof. Grethe holds the chair of International Agricultural Trade and Development at Humboldt-University Berlin. He has ample experience in the analysis of policies related to agriculture, development and trade in the European Union as well as many other countries such as Turkey, Israel, China and Ethiopia. Since 2012, Prof. Grethe is the chair of the Scientific Advisory Board on Agricultural Policy, Food and Consumer Protection at the Federal German Ministry of Food and Agriculture. He visited Bhutan in 2015 and 2016. He is particularly interested in how policies can promote both animal and environmental protection as well as agricultural productivity and rural incomes in Bhutan.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tulsi Gurung (Coordinator of the Summer School)

Mrs. Gurung is an associate professor at the College of Natural Resources in Bhutan. Her research focuses on horticulture in Bhutan. She has been working on various research projects concerned with climate change impacts in the context of Bhutan. In collaboration with the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Mrs. Gurung worked on value chain analysis of goat farming and vegetable cultivation. Currently, she works on a ICIMOD project concerned with the role of transdisciplinary co-production of knowledge on the sustainability of mountainous agroecosystems.



Arndt Feuerbacher (Assistant lecturer for seminar 1 and 3)



Mr. Feuerbacher is a PhD candidate at the International Agricultural Trade and Development research group at Humboldt-University of Berlin. He conducts research on the impact of agricultural policies on rural livelihoods in Bhutan employing economy-wide model frameworks. He visited Bhutan in 2013, 2015 and 2016. His research interest particularly focuses on rural labour markets and technological changes in the agricultural sector. Together with Prof. Tulsi Gurung from CNR, Mr. Feuerbacher is also responsible for the coordination and organization of the summer school.

Manuel E. Narjes (Assistant lecturer seminar 2)

Mr. Narjes is a PhD candidate at the Department of Production Theory and Resource Economics of the University of Hohenheim, where he works as a research and teaching assistant. His doctoral research is concerned with the economic value of policies to conserve wild bees and their contribution to crop pollination, and with how markets respond to changes in the provision of the latter. His attention has also been drawn to Bhutan's rich beekeeping tradition and its potential to reconcile the economic incentives of individual smallholders with the broader goal of conserving the native pollinator fauna and its habitats.



Registration for the 2017 CNR summer school

The summer school was designed to meet the needs of persons either studying or working in the context of agriculture, forestry and natural resource management. However, we also welcome interested participants with different backgrounds. In such a case, please let us know about your motivation. Participants may register to attend all three seminars or only to attend the seminars of their choice. However, it is advisable to attend all seminars, as the individual seminars build on each other.

Application deadline

Please register before 20th of August, 2017

Who should register?

The minimum qualification required for the participation is a bachelor degree earned in either natural or social sciences. In addition, good knowledge of Microsoft Office, particularly Excel, is a prerequisite. The summer school was designed to meet the needs of persons either studying or working in the context of agriculture, forestry and natural resource management. However, we also welcome applicants with different backgrounds. In such a case, please let us know about your motivation.

The maximum number of participants for each seminar week is 15 participants. Participants may apply to attend all three seminars or only to attend the seminars of their choice. However, it is advisable to attend all seminars, as the individual seminars build on each other.

Fees

The summer school is generally free of charge. Please note, that in cases of no-show without a cancellation of participation before 4th of September 2017, a no-show fee of 5,000 NU has to be charged.

Accommodation and transportation

Participation at the summer school does not include accommodation and transportation. Participants have to organize lodging and accommodation on their own, however we can support participants finding low-cost options within our capacity. During the summer school, lunch as well as tea, coffee and snacks will be provided at no cost.

How to register

Interested participants may register for the summer school by sending the following details to the coordinators Associate Prof. Dr. Tulsi Gurung (gurungt2010@gmail.com) and Arndt Feuerbacher (feuerbacher@hu-berlin.de).

- ✓ Name and contact details (email and cell phone)
- ✓ Your current CV stating the place of work/study program and formerly received education
- ✓ Important! Please state whether you can bring along a personal notebook with Microsoft Excel installed.
- ✓ Please state whether assistance in finding accommodation at CNR (unfortunately, no financial assistance possible) is needed.

We are looking forward to your registration and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

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Overview over preliminary program

The summer school takes place on the campus of the College of Natural Resources (CNR), Royal University of Bhutan, Lobesa and consists of three week long seminars each lasting over five days from Monday to Friday. Lectures take place from 9 AM to 5 PM. There will be two 20 minutes tea breaks and an 80 minutes lunch break, which will also allow for informal exchange between the resource persons and participants. A detailed preliminary schedule of each seminar is presented below. In addition to the lectures there is one extra-curricular evening program per seminar planned which will allow for slide shows on German agriculture, introduction to German food and culture as well as presenting interesting DAAD funding opportunities to enrol in master and PhD programs at Humboldt University of Berlin or University of Hohenheim.

Seminar 1 - Monday 11th to Friday 15th of September, 2017 Principles of farm economics and resource planning

Lecturer: Dr. Jonas Luckmann, Humboldt University of Berlin

Assistant: Arndt Feuerbacher, Humboldt University Berlin

Time	Monday 11.09.2017	Tuesday 12.09.2017	Wednesday 13.09.2017	Thursday 14.09.2017	Friday 15.09.2017
9.00 – 10.20 AM	D1.1 – Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to participants Presentation of seminar content Introduction to farm management 	D2.1 – Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm planning and Control: Enterprise budgeting and analysis; calculation of gross margins and total farm income 	D3.1 – Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment Analysis 	D4.1 – Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief introduction to production economics 	D5.1 – Luckmann/ Feuerbacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. VII: Extending Linear Programming Models
20 Min	Tea break				
10.40 AM – 12.00 PM	D1.2 – Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm resource analysis 	D2.2 – Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial budgets Cash-flow analysis 	D3.2 – Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loan Repayment Plans 	D4.2 – Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Linear Programming and Whole Farm Planning 	D5.2 –Luckmann/ Feuerbacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. VIII: Extending Linear Programming Models
80 min	Lunch break				
1.20 – 3.00 PM	D1.3 – Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance sheet analysis 	D2.3 – Luckmann/ Feuerbacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. II: Budgeting & Gross Margin Analysis 	D3.3 – Luckmann/ Feuerbacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex.IV: <i>Investment Analysis</i> 	D4.3 – Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of basic farm level models 	D5.3 –Luckmann/ Feuerbacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model Validation Interpretation of Results and Sensitivity Report Opportunities and Limitations of Linear Programming Models
20 min	Tea break				
3.20 – 5 PM	D1.4 – Luckmann/ Feuerbacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. I: Balance sheet analysis 	D2.4 – Feuerbacher/ Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. III: <i>Budgeting & Gross Margin Analysis</i> 	D3.4 – Feuerbacher/ Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. V: <i>Loan Repayment Plans</i> 	D4.4 – Feuerbacher/ Luckmann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. VI: Linear Programming Models 	Evaluation of Seminar Week
7.00 PM			German evening: Insights into German culture and way of farming		

Seminar 2 – Monday 18th to Friday 22nd of September, 2017

Environmental economics in the context of Bhutan: *Cost-Benefit analysis of selected land use activities in mountainous agriculture*

Lecturers: Prof. Dr. Christian Lippert, University of Hohenheim

Assistant: Manuel Narjes, University of Hohenheim

Time	Monday 18.09.2017	Tuesday 19.09.2017	Wednesday 20.09.2017	Thursday 21.09.2017	Friday 22.09.2017
9.00 – 10.20 AM	D1.1 – Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to seminar content • Theory of optimal resource allocation • Market efficiency in the context of resource use 	D2.1 – Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) • Total economic value of an environmental resource • Ecosystem services of rural landscapes 	D3.1 – Lippert/Narjes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. III Valuating insects' pollination services • Short recapitulation of investment appraisal 	D4.1 – Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethically problematic aspects of CBA (implications of discounting / externalities) • Ex. IV (PC-LAB) (cont.): CBA for an orchard revisited 	D5.1 – Narjes/Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. VI (cont.): Presentation of statistical models and discussion of the results of the choice experiment
20 Min	Tea break				
10.40 AM – 12.00 PM	D1.2 – Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market failure in case of environmental resources • Environmental externalities of conventional and organic farming 	D2.2 – Lippert/Narjes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methods for valuating natural and environmental resources • Benefit transfer 	D3.2 – Narjes/Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost-benefit analysis (CBA) in the context of sustainable land use • Ex. IV (PC-LAB): CBA for a conventional orchard 	D4.2 – Narjes/Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. V (PC-LAB): CBA for an organic orchard and analysis of a farmer's decision on whether to convert to organic production or not 	D5.2 – Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agro-environmental policies to internalize land use externalities • Examples for agro-environmental policies
80 min	Lunch break				
1.20 – 3.00 PM	D1.3 – Narjes/Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public goods and common pool resources • Prisoner dilemma and social dilemma 	D2.3 – Narjes/Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. II (PC-LAB): Valuation of cultural ecosystem services relying upon indirectly revealed preferences 	D3.3 – Lippert/Narjes Projected field trip	D4.3 – Narjes/Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. VI: Discrete choice experiment to assess workshop attendants' willingness to pay for rural landscape preservation 	D5.3 – Lippert/Narjes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples for agro-environmental policies (cont.) • Ex. VIII: Discussion of appropriate agro-environmental policies for Bhutan
20 min	Tea break				
3.20 – 5 PM	D1.4 – Narjes/Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. I: Game theory exercises for analyzing social dilemma 	D2.4 – Lippert/Narjes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. II (cont.): Discussion and criticism of the example 	D3.4 – Lippert/Narjes Field trip (cont.)	D4.4 – Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. VII: Design of a benefit transfer to assess the value of ecosystem services in the Punakha valley 	D5.4 – Narjes/Lippert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar evaluation
7.00 PM		German evening: Comedy movie on land use change in Bavaria (lunch and beverages will be served)			

Seminar 3 – Monday 25th to Friday 29th of September, 2017
Analysis of agricultural policy scenarios in Bhutan: Theory and practical application

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Harald Grethe, University of Hohenheim
 Assistant: Arndt Feuerbacher, University of Hohenheim

Time	Monday 11.09.2017	Tuesday 12.09.2017	Wednesday 13.09.2017	Thursday 14.09.2017	Friday 15.09.2017
9.00 – 10.20 AM	D1.1 – Grethe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to participants Presentation of seminar content Underlying principles of economics and economic decision making 	D2.1 – Grethe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance and institutions Instruments of agricultural and food policy 	D3.1 – Grethe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to policy research methods: partial equilibrium models 	D4.1 – Grethe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the application of general equilibrium models 	D5.1 – All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and discussion (Group 1 and 2)
20 Min	Tea break				
10.40 AM – 12.00 PM	D1.2 – Grethe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic policy and its objectives Correction of market failures 	D2.2 – Grethe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruments of agricultural and food policy 	D3.2 – Grethe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliberation of a partial equilibrium model for Bhutan 	D4.2 – Grethe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of a simple CGE model for Bhutan 	D5.2 – All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and discussion (Group 3 and 4)
80 min	Lunch break				
1.20 – 3.00 PM	D1.3 – Grethe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution and regulatory policies Elasticity of demand and supply 	D2.3 – Grethe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welfare implications of policy induced changes in market rents 	D3.3 – Feuerbacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. II: Partial equilibrium model for the rice market in Bhutan 	D4.3 – Group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of group presentations on selected topics of agricultural and food policy questions 	D5.3 – All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of seminar week and summer school Closing ceremony
20 min	Tea break				
3.20 – 5 PM	D1.4 – Grethe / Feuerbacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. I: Exercises Discussion of group assignments 	D2.4 – Feuerbacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case Study: Agricultural – and Food Policy in India and Bhutan 	D3.4 – Feuerbacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. III: Exercises of rice self-sufficiency and 100% organic agriculture scenarios 	D4.4– Group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued 	
7.00 PM			German evening: Studying in Germany – DAAD programs and experience of DAAD alumnis		

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