



Interdisciplinary Workshop „Large-Scale Land Acquisitions between Resource Conflicts and Sustainable Rural Development“

17 November 2015, 9.15 – 17.30h

Jointly organized by University of Freiburg ++ Arnold-Bergstraesser Institute Freiburg ++ Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University Bern ++ Institute of Geography, University Bern +++ Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern

Program

Main Workshop Themes

Presentations and the World Café will be clustered around three main themes:

- 1) **Local political economy:** Resource conflicts, resistance, collective action and power struggles in target regions of LSLA.
- 2) **Development and discourse:** Competing frames of development. Creation of normative visions, beliefs and subjects. Impacts in target areas. Sustainability trade-offs. Failure of LSLA.
- 3) **Global connectivity:** New forms of interdependency across spatial distance. Global and polycentric governance.

The World Café will further elaborate these three themes and additionally discuss about:

- 4) **Methodology and data:** Methodical advances and integrity in research on LSLA. Enhancing data availability and quality. Role of transdisciplinary approaches and social learning.
- 5) **Open space:** Opportunities to discuss emerging topics beyond the above.

Schedule

Each paper contribution is assigned **15 min. presentation** and **10 min. discussion**.

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| 9.15 | Arrival |
| 9.40 | Welcome |
| 9.50 | Session 1 “Local Political Economy” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tejada, Laura (CDE Bern): Biofuel production, Land re-concentration and reactions from rural communities along the northern Peruvian coast. ➤ Nolte, Kerstin (GIGA Hamburg): Commercial farms and smallholders in Zambia: competition, spillovers or peaceful coexistence? ➤ Lanz, Kristina (U Bern): Inside a large-scale land acquisition: How gendered power asymmetries and resistance shape the implementation of a LSLA in Ghana’s Volta Region. |
| 11.10 | Short Coffee Break |

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| 11.30 | <p>Session 2 “Development and Discourse”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Backhouse, Maria (ABI Freiburg): Green Grabbing in the Brazilian Amazon region. ➤ Goetz, Ariane (IASS Potsdam): A Brief History of Failure – An empirical review of sustainability challenges of LSLAs from a home country perspective. ➤ Bunkus, Ramona and Theesfeld, Insa (U Halle-Wittenberg): From the economic to the cultural dimension of large-scale land acquisitions in Europe. |
| 12.50 | <p>Lunch at Restaurant Lago (7 minutes walk from venue)</p> |
| 14.10 | <p>Session 3 “Global Connectivity”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gabbert, Kristina (MPI Halle): Globalizing environment in the lowlands of Southern Ethiopia. <i>Terra Nullius</i>, home, sacred space, grabbed land, commodity or resource? ➤ Neumärker, Bernhard (U Freiburg): Land Grabbing as a Land Seeking Contest: Conflictual globalization or stable social contracts? ➤ Turvani, Margherita and Antonelli, Marta (IUAV Venice): Global investments in agricultural land and the role of the EU: drivers, scope and potential impacts. |
| 15.30 | <p>Short Coffee Break</p> |
| 15.45 | <p>World Café</p> <p>Interactive discussions among all workshop participants in small groups, at different tables in changing compositions, clustered around the workshop themes (see p.1):</p> <p><u>Table 1</u>: Local Political Economy</p> <p><u>Table 2</u>: Development and Discourse</p> <p><u>Table 3</u>: Global Connectivity</p> <p><u>Table 4</u>: Methodology and Data</p> <p><u>Table 5</u>: Open Space</p> |
| 16.30 | <p>Presentations of the Key Messages from the World Café tables by the facilitators.</p> |
| 17.00 | <p>Discussion of Key Messages from the World Café</p> |
| 17.25 | <p>Closing Remarks</p> |
| 17.30 | <p>Workshop End</p> |



List of Participants

| Name | Institute | Function |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Antonelli, Marta | IUAV Venice | PostDoc |
| 2 Backhouse, Maria | Arnold-Bergsträsser Institut Freiburg | PostDoc |
| 3 Bunkus, Ramona | University of Halle-Wittenberg | PhD Researcher |
| 4 Cavalcante, Ana Helena | University of Freiburg | PhD Researcher |
| 5 Gabbert, Echi Christina | MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle | PostDoc |
| 6 Gerber, Jean-David | University of Bern | Assistant Professor |
| 7 Giger, Markus | CDE, University of Bern | Head of Cluster |
| 8 Goetz, Ariane | IASS Potsdam | PostDoc |
| 9 Graefen, Christian | GIZ | Project Leader |
| 10 Hack, Matthias | GIZ | Junior Advisor |
| 11 Haller, Tobias | University of Bern | Professor |
| 12 Koessler, Reinhart | Arnold-Bergsträsser Institut Freiburg | Professor |
| 13 Krieger, Tim | University of Freiburg | Professor |
| 14 Lanz, Kristina | University of Bern | PhD Researcher |
| 15 Lehmann, Rosa | Arnold-Bergsträsser Institut Freiburg | PhD Researcher |
| 16 Mehler, Andreas | Arnold-Bergsträsser Institut Freiburg | Professor, Director ABI |
| 17 Messerli, Peter | CDE, University of Bern | Director CDE |
| 18 Neumärker, Bernhard | University of Freiburg | Professor |
| 19 Nolte, Kerstin | GIGA Hamburg | PostDoc |
| 20 Oberlack, Christoph | CDE, University of Bern | PostDoc |
| 21 Rist, Stephan | CDE, University of Bern | Professor, Head of Cluster |
| 22 Rodriguez, Fabricio | Arnold-Bergsträsser Institut Freiburg | PhD Researcher |
| 23 Schober, Eva | CDE, University of Bern | Research Assistant |
| 24 Tejada, Laura | CDE, University of Bern | PhD Researcher |
| 25 Theesfeld, Insa | University of Halle-Wittenberg | Professor |
| 26 Tittor, Anne | University of Bielefeld | PostDoc |
| 27 Turvani, Margherita | IUAV Venice | Professor |



Preparations by Participants prior to the Workshop

To enable most productive discussions during the world café, participants are kindly asked to prepare their views and messages on two questions prior to the workshop:

- (1) **What are key future needs and priorities in research on large-scale land acquisitions and related dynamics from your perspective?**
- (2) **What is the specific potential and added value of interdisciplinary and institutional collaboration to your research agenda?**

Draft papers or extended abstracts of the presentations will be circulated among participants in early November to enable better discussions of the papers.

Logistics

Venue: Arnold-Bergstraesser-Institut, University of Freiburg,
Windausstr. 16, 79110 Freiburg (Br.), Germany.
www.arnold-bergstraesser.de

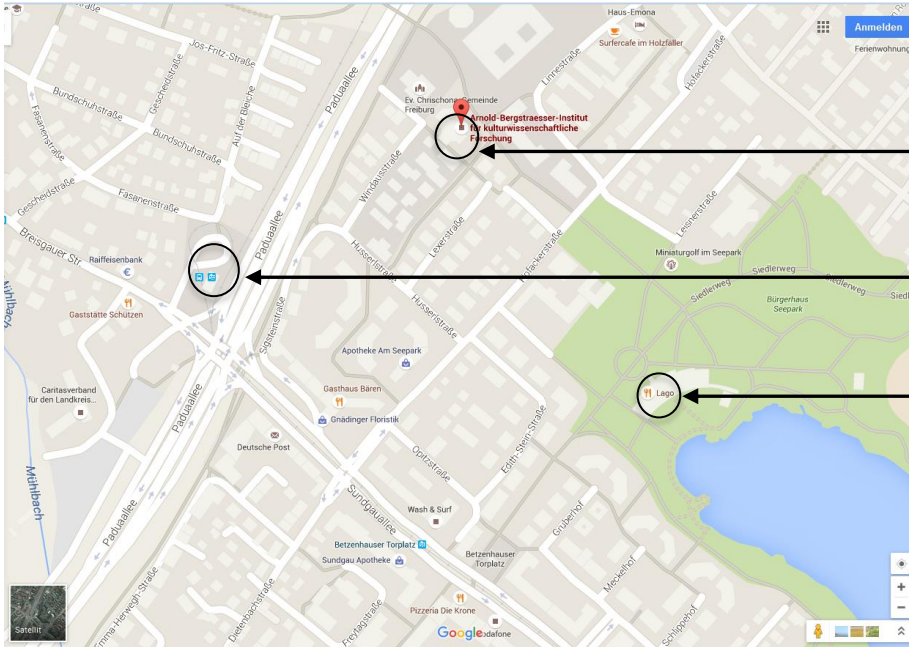
How to get to the venue: (source: <http://www.arnold-bergstraesser.de/en/contact-0>)

- **By public transport:** From Freiburg main station (Hauptbahnhof) take tramline 1 in the direction of LANDWASSER. Get off at the stop PADUAALLEE. Walk back over the bridge, turn left into SIGSTEINSTRASSE and then left again into WINDAUSSTRASSE. The Institute is at the end of the street (no. 16). Approx. 15-20 minutes from the main station.
- **By car:** Take the motorway exit FREIBURG-MITTE in the direction of FREIBURG/TITISEE-NEUSTADT. On the motorway feeder take the second exit signposted OFFENBURG/ FREIBURG-LANDWASSER (P+R) FREIBURG-BETZENHAUSEN. This will bring you on to the bridge over the feeder road. Take the first exit after the bridge, signposted LEHEN/BETZENHAUSEN (P+R) in the direction of BETZENHAUSEN. At the traffic lights turn right into SUNDGAUALLEE (tram tracks on your left), move into the left lane, and at the next traffic lights turn left into the HOFACKERSTRASSE. Take the first street on your left, HUSSERLSTRASSE, and then the second on your right, WINDAUSSTRASSE. The Institute is at the end of the street (no. 16).

Accommodation:

- If you need accommodation, a recommendation is the “Hotel am Rathaus”: www.am-rathaus.de, located in the central old town of Freiburg. Connection to the workshop venue with tramline 1 from central stop “Bertoldsbrunnen” in direction of “Landwasser” (approx. 20 minutes, same way as noted under “how to get to the venue”).
- Many more opportunities and information on accommodation in Freiburg can be found at <http://www.freiburg.de/pb/,Len/225803.html> . Please contact the workshop organizers if you need additional information on accommodation.

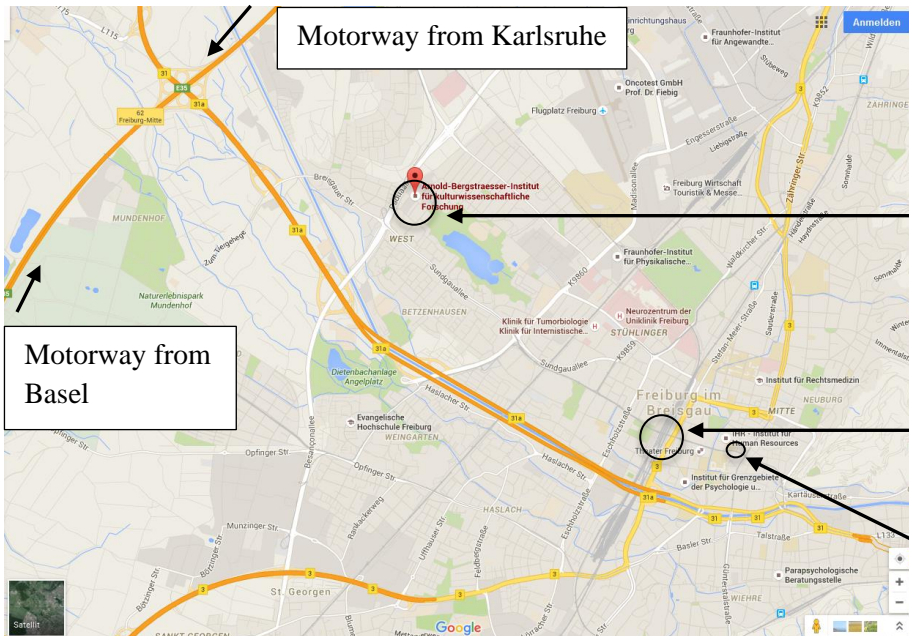
Maps



Venue

Tram stop
„Paduaallee“

Restaurant
„Lago“ (Lunch)



Motorway from
Basel

Motorway from Karlsruhe

Venue

Freiburg
Hauptbahnhof
(Main Station)

Hotel am Rathaus

Source: <https://maps.google.com>