

Workshop Invitation

Resource Sector Reforms and Policy Change: Creating Inclusive Growth?

Date:	19 -20 May 2016
Venue:	University of Koblenz Landau Conference Room (Building C I) Fortstr. 7 76829 Landau
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Recent discoveries of vast natural resource reserves have drawn the attention to traditional and new resource exporting countries, in particular in the Global South. Researchers and practitioners of resource sector reforms as well as civil society actors are debating how these states can generate maximum profit from their primary commodities. On the one hand, natural resource endowments provide an opportunity for economic growth and broad-based development. On the other hand, the prospect of resource-based economic prosperity raises expectations among populations, civil-society organisations, and international actors – and the pressure on national governments to implement reforms.

Drawing on recent developments in research and policy practice that emphasise the need to include the population of resource rich countries in the input and output stage of resource governance, our guiding question is how institutional reforms and policy change in resource sectors can be employed to foster inclusive economic growth. The workshop will address the following questions:

- What are the conditions that enable or inhibit effective governance in the resource sector?
- How can resource governance and resource sector reforms promote inclusive and sustainable development?
- Is inclusive governance always better? Does it really raise the benefits for local populations?
- What can we learn from "successful" cases of transforming conflict-prone resource sectors in developing countries?
- What determines the 'policy space', i.e. the ability of developing countries for implementing resource sector reforms?

Further information on the Working Group Nature – Resources – Conflict (AFK):
<http://www.afk-web.de/arbeitskreise/arbeitskreis-natur-ressour-cen-konflikte.html>

Programme

Thursday, 19 May 2016

- 13:30 – 13:45 Welcome
- 13:45 **PANEL 1: Industrial Policy Reforms, Economic Diversification and Inclusive Growth?**
- 13:45 – 14:20 Industrial Policy in Resource-Rich Countries
Prof. Dr. Helmut Asche, University of Mainz
Discussant: Christina Wolf
- 14:20 – 14:55 Natural Resource Endowment and Industrial Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
Elvis Melia, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
Discussant: Prof. Dr. Helmut Asche
- 14:55 – 15:30 Local Content Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa and the National Policy Space for Resource Policy Reforms
Christina Saulich, University of Koblenz-Landau
Discussant: Elvis Melia
- 15:30 – 16:05 Chinese Resource-backed Construction Projects and Economic Diversification in Angola and Ethiopia
Christina Wolf, SOAS, University of London
Discussant: Christina Saulich
- 16:05 – 16:30 **Tea Break**
- 16:30 **PANEL 2: Resource Sector Reform, Inclusive Governance and Contestation in Conflict-Affected Societies**
- 16:30 – 17:05 What Happens to War-Economies when War Ends? Change and Continuity of Natural Resource Markets in Post-Conflict Societies
Dr. des. Nina Engwicht, Peace Academy Rhineland-Palatinate
Discussant: Anna Fünfgeld
- 17:05 – 17:40 De- and Re-Centralization of Resource Politics in Indonesia: What Space for Inclusive Resource Governance?
Anna Fünfgeld, University of Freiburg
Discussant: Linda Walbott
- 17:40 – 18:15 Prospects of transforming war economies in Latin America: The relevance of natural resource governance for conflicts and peace processes in Colombia and Peru
Linda Walbott
Discussant: Nina Engwicht

- 18:30 – 20:00 **GUEST LECTURE**
Addressing the Gender Dimensions of Resource Sector Reform in Theory and Practice
Jana Naujoks, Senior Programme Officer – Gender and Peacbuilding, International Alert
- 20:00 ***Dinner with workshop participants***
Weinstube “Zur Blum” (Kaufhausgasse 9, 76829 Landau)

Friday, 20 May 2016

- 10:00 **PANEL 3: Power Relations and Paper Tigers: National and International Actors and Natural Resource Politics**
- 10:00 – 10:35 Theoretical Approaches to the Relations Between PDVSA and the Venezuelan State
Ivan Capriles, Humboldt-University Berlin
Discussant: Yann Wernert
- 10:35 – 11:10 The (international) politics of natural resources: A Latin American Perspective
Fabricio Rodríguez, University of Freiburg & Arnold Bergstraesser Institute for Socio-Cultural Research
Discussant: Ivan Capriles
- 11:10 – 11:45 European Initiatives in the Raw Materials Sector: Better Governance through International Standards?
Yann Wernert, University of Potsdam
Discussant: Fabricio Rodríguez
- 11:45 – 12:15 ***Tea Break***
- 12:15 – 13:00 Summary of Discussion; Possibilities of Future Collaboration and Publication Opportunities
- 13:00 – 13:30 Update on the Working Group “Nature, Resources and Conflicts”
Louisa Prause, Co-founder of the Working Group
- 13:30 Closing Remarks