

# Call for Papers

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## Resource Sector Reform: Creating Inclusive Growth?

Workshop by the Working Group *Nature – Resources – Conflicts*  
Arbeitsgemeinschaft Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (AFK)

**19. - 20. May 2016**

**University of Koblenz-Landau, Campus 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.

A large amount of research on resource politics and resource governance has concentrated on varieties of the “resource curse”. Leading scholars mainly focused on institutional developments that lead to governance failure. With few exceptions, the study of resource governance has hitherto ignored the question of the terms and conditions under which countries are able to circumvent, deal with and transform the resource curse. 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.

We welcome contributions that address the following related 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?

The two-day workshop provides an opportunity to discuss current trends and research projects in the field of resource management and reforms. The workshop encourages contributions by social scientists, geographers, social and cultural anthropologists, economists, peace and conflict researchers, and scholars of other disciplines.

The working language of the workshop is English. Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes. We strongly encourage interdisciplinary contributions! The workshop starts at 1.30 pm on Thursday, 19 May 2016 and ends at 2 pm on Friday, 20 May 2016.

Please send your abstracts (max. 300 words) by 15 February 2016 to: Nina Engwicht ([engwicht@uni-landau.de](mailto:engwicht@uni-landau.de)) and/or Christina Saulich ([saulich@uni-landau.de](mailto:saulich@uni-landau.de)). Notifications of acceptance and further information will be sent out by end of February. The deadline for final paper submissions is 2 May 2016. Costs for travel and accommodation of up to 180 Euros will be covered for paper givers.

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

We look forward to your submission!

Kind regards,  
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