



Call for Papers

55th GEWISOLA-Annual Conference,

September 23–25, 2015

Justus-Liebig-University Giessen

Institute for Agricultural Policy and Market Research and Institute of Agribusiness Management and Food Economics

The 55th Annual Conference of the German Society of Economic and Social Sciences in Agriculture (GEWISOLA) will take place at Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, Germany, from **September 23-25, 2015**.

The topic of the conference is:

Perspectives for Agriculture and the Food Economy after Liberalization

With regard to this overall theme, the Organizing Committee invites contributed papers to be presented at the conference. We also invite poster contributions which will be displayed during the conference. Contributions from the economic and social sciences of agriculture as well as from related disciplines can be accepted.

In addition, contributed papers or posters may address topics beyond the conference theme which contribute to the state of knowledge in the economic and social sciences of agriculture. Theory oriented work and empirical analysis based on quantitative and qualitative methods are equally welcome.

The Annual Conference will also allow for self-organized sessions in which topical policy questions related to the general conference topic will be discussed. The Organizing Committee invites proposals for such self-organized sessions.

Deadlines

- Submission of proposals for self-organized sessions / pre-conference activities: Monday, **February 2, 2015** (Acceptance notification: March 2, 2015)
- Submission of contributed papers: Monday, **March 2, 2015** (Acceptance notification for contributed papers: June 17, 2015)
- Submission of poster outlines: Monday, **May 4, 2015** (Acceptance notification for posters: July 15, 2015)
- Submission of revised papers for publication on the conference homepage and on AgEconSearch: Monday, **August 17, 2015**
- Submission of final contributed papers and of poster summaries for publication in the conference proceedings: Monday, **November 9, 2015**

Conference Theme

How do agri-food markets and policy evolve after liberalization of the European agricultural policy?

How are these changes in the markets and in policy to be assessed, based on consumers', enterprises', the government's and society's point of view? In this regard, the following questions can be discussed:

- Are there new opportunities for the agri-food industry in liberalized markets?
- How important is market power in liberalized agri-food markets for market performance?
- How does further liberalization at global level affect the local agri-food sector?
- How do agricultural policy goals change in the phase of post-liberalization?
- In which way does the public debate on the design of agri-food measures affect agricultural economics research?
- With which challenges farm and food processing firms have to deal with?
- Does liberalization require new regulatory measures? Quo vadis agricultural and food policy?

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Contributed Papers and Presentations

The contributed papers have to be fully worked out, must not exceed 12 pages and may be written in German or English. The format to be used can be found at the [conference homepage](#). The papers must be submitted by **March 2, 2015** as **PDF file** through the conference homepage.

The papers will be reviewed anonymously by two reviewers. The following criteria are used for evaluation: relevance and originality of the topic, quality of the methodological approach, and presentation. Positively evaluated contributions will be presented in thematic sessions on the conference and can be published in the conference proceedings after final revision according to the reviewers' comments.

Self-Organized Sessions

The self-organized sessions will focus on topical policy and economic questions related to the general conference topic. The time frame is 90 minutes. The proposals for such self-organized sessions should comprise up to 4 pages in German or English explaining the topic and the format of the session: concept, timing, contributions and speakers and/or discussants. We explicitly invite proposals for sessions enhancing discussions between science, politics, economy, and NGOs. The proposals must be submitted by **February 2, 2015** as **PDF file** through the [conference homepage](#). The Organizing Committee and the GEWISOLA Executive Board decide upon the acceptance of submitted proposals.

Posters

Proposals for poster contributions should describe the problem, methodology, and results of a research work on max. 2 pages in German or English. Submitted proposals will be evaluated by two reviewers. The format to be used can be found at the [conference homepage](#). The papers must be submitted by **May 4, 2015** as **PDF file** through the conference homepage. Accepted posters must be formatted according to the poster guidelines at the conference homepage. They are displayed during the conference and are presented by the authors in separate poster sessions. A two-page summary of accepted and presented posters will be published in the conference proceedings.

Pre-Conference Activities

Pre-conference activities can be organized in the morning of September 23, 2015. Such activities comprise workshops, meetings or discussion groups on special topics. Proposals of max. 2 pages in German or English should describe the topic, structure, speakers, and participants. The proposals must be submitted by **February 2, 2015** as **PDF file** through the [conference homepage](#).

Information and Conference Office

Further information regarding the Annual Conference and on submissions of contributions can be found on the conference homepage (<http://www.uni-giessen.de/cms/gewisola2015>). You can also contact the conference office:

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