



FOOD, FARMLAND AND FORESTS IN TRANSITION: THE EURASIAN COUNTRYSIDE 25 YEARS AFTER

7 November 2014, Romanian academy of sciences, Bucharest

8.30 Registration

9.00- 9.30 Welcome

Chair: OANE VISSER (ISS)

CRISTIAN HERA (Vice-president Romanian Academy of Sciences)

CONSTANTIN BĂLĂCEANU-STOLNICI (Fellow of the Romanian Academy)

9.30- 11.00 **Plenary**

PETR JEHLIČKA (Open University, UK) *Rural resistance hidden in plain sight: East European household food production across regimes*

DMITRY RYLKO (IKAR and IMEMO, Moscow) *Farmland investment & agroholdings in Russia*

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **Panel 1:**

Panel 1.A. Family farming and forestry in the post-socialist countryside

Chair: NATALIA MAMONOVA (ISS)

LIVIU MĂNTESCU (F. Rainer Institute/ Humboldt U.) *Locating Evil: Rural Resistance Before and After 1990 in Vrancea, Romania*

RALUCA PERNES (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca) *Transformation of agricultural practices in Romania in the light of global changes in land ownership, international policies and the organization of agribusinesses*

Panel 1.B. Farmland, forests and finance: large-scale enterprises in flux

Chair: STEFAN DORONDEL (F. Rainer Institute of Anthropology)

BRIAN KUNS, OANE VISSER & ANDERS WÄSTFELT (Stockholm U./ISS) *Swedish Black Earth: The Trials and Tribulations of the publicly listed Western farming model in Russia and Ukraine*

RASMUS BLÆDEL LARSEN (Copenhagen U.) *The Danish Pig-farmer came with a suitcase full of money. A reality-check on Danish farm-investments in the new EU-member states*

CHRIS LANDER & JUDITH PALLOT (Oxford U.) *The Role of International Agro-Food Corporations in the Re-emergence of Russian Agriculture: a Case Study of Cargill Russia*

13.00 -14.30 Lunch break

14.30 – 16.15 **Panel 2:**

Panel 2.A. Family farming and forestry in the post-socialist countryside (part 2)

Chair: PETR JEHLICKA (Open U.)

ȘTEFAN DORONDEL (F.Rainer Institute of Anthropology, Bucharest) *Postsocialist Agriculture vs. Nature: State, Land Improvement and the 'Invisible Infrastructure' in the Lower Danube Floodplains*

NATALIA MAMONOVA (ISS) *Behind the veil of Russian rural 'quietness'. Explaining popular responses to deprivation and inequality in the post-soviet countryside*

MONICA VASILE (Humboldt University) *Time, inequality and forests: the question of age in the postsocialist entrepreneurial turn (Romania)*

STELU ȘERBAN (Institute for Southeast European Studies, Bucharest) *Agricultural expertise in small farms in Northern Bulgaria*

Panel B. Farmland, forests and finance: large-scale enterprises in flux (part 2)

Chair: JUDITH PALLOT (Oxford U.)

ALEXANDER NIKULIN & ALEXANDER KURAKIN (MSSES, Moscow) *Social partnership in the Post-Soviet Countryside: between Socialism, Capitalism and Populism*

CHRISTINA PLANK (Vienna University) *Agrofuels and the financialisation of farmland in Ukraine*

ANNAMARIA HAJDU & OANE VISSER (ISS) *Farmland investment in Romania: drivers, actors, impacts*

JANA LINDBLOOM (Slovak Academy) *Farmland dilemmas: Blended categories and conflicting identities in reordered land ownership and sale*

16.15-16.45 Coffee break

16.45-17.45 **Plenary**

Chair: JUDITH PALLOT (Oxford U.)

The key issue arising from each panel - by chairs: N. MAMONOVA, ȘTEFAN DORONDEL, PETR JEHLICKA, JUDITH PALLOT

Roundtable:

IAN LUYT (Novirost Ltd, Moscow), PETR JEHLICKA (Open U., UK), DMITRI RYLKO (IKAR and IMEMO, Moscow), MAX SPOOR (ISS), ȘTEFAN DORONDEL (F. Rainer Institute)

17.45-21.00 Drinks and food