



Pre-announcement

International and multi-disciplinary scientific conference

„Forest policy and governance: Analyses in the environmental social sciences”

Organised by:

University of Göttingen/Germany and
Bogor Agricultural University/Indonesia

Organisers:

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To be held:

at Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) Bogor/Indonesia
from October 4 – 6, 2016

In cooperation with:

IUFRO Division 9 and
IUFRO Unit 09.05 “Forest Policy and Governance”



Background

Around the globe, forests are used and conserved in multiple ways. A number of human-based factors determine forest utilisation for often conflicting uses. They include e.g. settlement, infrastructure, agriculture, nature conservation, as well as the production of timber and non-timber forest products and ecosystem services. Resulting forest and forest-related policies aim to address such conflicts, with important broader societal, political, economic and development factors being in place. As a consequence, a fast growing and diversifying research programme addressing questions about society-forests relations has emerged, rooted in a number of social science disciplines.

Aims

This international scientific conference aims to be the **global scientific hub for forest-related social sciences research**, including studies on forest-related empirical fields, such as, e.g. agriculture. It will take stock of the latest scientific advancements in the fields of **forest-related policy analyses**, as well as wider **forest-related governance studies** from fields, such as, e.g. **political science, sociology, anthropology, human geography, development, economics, psychology, environmental history, legal studies**, as well as **livelihood and tenure analyses**. It strives to include theoretical, methodological and full-blown empirical contributions from around the globe.



In addition the conference aims to provide a **platform for science-based contributions on the transfer of scientific knowledge to policy and management practices**. It hence dedicates a session during the conference to such trans-disciplinary questions at the science-policy interface and invites contributions from various disciplines on this issue as well.

This conference will be a major hub for and activity of IUFRO Division 9 and its group 09.05 on “Forest Policy and Governance”, instead of an all-division-9 meeting. Office holders are thus kindly asked

By holding the conference in Indonesia the organisers wish to acknowledge the growing international relevance of the country regarding forest policy practice as well as scientific research in related fields. We invite scholars from around the globe to help us acknowledge this and to join the event in a thought-provoking, tropical, and hospitable environment.

Dates, call for sessions, call for papers, publication

In a first **call for session proposals** (January 2016) the organisers will invite proposals for sessions. They may include proposals for open sessions on a specific topic, as well as closed sessions with pre-selected presentations e.g. from joint projects. We explicitly encourage **colleagues from all social science disciplines, IUFRO office holders, as well as young post-doctoral colleagues from all world regions** to submit session proposals through email to Dr. Lukas Giessen at lgiesse@uni-goettingen.de.

In a following **call for paper proposals** (March 2016) individual authors from around the globe are invited to submit **abstracts for oral or poster presentations** to one of the proposed sessions. The scientific Committee will then assess all proposals for acceptance (April 2016).

Until the announcement of the calls the organisers ask potential session organisers and authors to already discuss and prepare ideas within their networks.

Draft papers should be sent to the organisers prior to the conference. A selection of high-quality papers will be published in the Journal of Forest Policy and Economics (Elsevier), pending peer review. Other papers will have the option to be published in other relevant journals.

Kindly distribute this announcement widely.

With best regards,

Lukas Giessen and Dodik R. Nurrochmat

