



Upcoming events

ZEF-director Eva Youkhana will talk about **"Biodiversity in Latin America. Protection or marketing?"** at the **DIES ACADEMICUS** of Bonn University on Wednesday, December 2, 10:15-11:00 a.m. in Lecture Hall XVI (University's main building). [[more](#)]

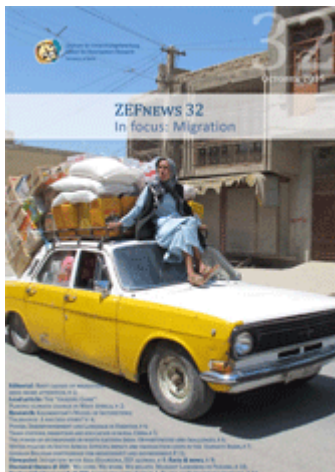
Water Lecture with Manuel Schiffler (KfW) on **"Privatising water services? Pros and cons from the real world"**. Thursday, December 3, 5:30-8:00 p.m. at **GDI-DIE**. [[more](#)]

Book launch of "Economics of Land Degradation and Improvement. A Global Assessment for Sustainable Development" (see [online version](#)). Venue: IFPRI, Washington, December 3, live webcast: 6:15-7:45 p.m. **GMT** (12:15-1:45 p.m. **EST**). [[more](#)]

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New director at ZEF: We welcome Eva Youkhana

Professor Eva Youkhana has taken over the interim leadership of ZEF's Department of Political and Cultural Change from Professor Anna-Katharina Hornidge as of September 1, 2015. Eva Youkhana is a social anthropologist by training, with degrees from the Universities of Bonn (Bachelor and "Habilitation"), Cologne (Master), Frankfurt (PhD). [[more](#)]

NEWS

ZEF-director Christian Borgemeister received international Entomology Prize

ZEF-director Christian Borgemeister has won the 2015 Distinguished Scientist Award of the International Branch of the Entomological Society of America (ESA), the largest entomological society in the world. The prize was awarded during ESA's annual meeting in Minneapolis, USA, from November 15-18, 2015. [[more](#)]

ZEF published its new research strategy paper 2015-2020

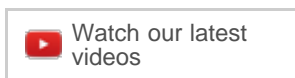
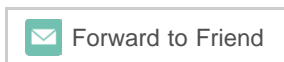
ZEF has developed, in consultation with its stakeholders, an updated research strategy: [ZEF strategy 2015-2020](#). [[more](#)]

Professor Seishi Ninomiya from the Institute for Sustainable Agro-Ecosystem Services at the University of Tokyo visited ZEF

October 26-27, 2015. Professor Ninomiya's visit was part of the collaboration between the International Program in Agricultural Development Studies (IPADS) of the University of Tokyo and ZEF. [[more](#)]

Many voices, one world: Science and pop talk about global politics

ZEF-director Joachim von Braun met with Bono (lead singer of U2) in Cologne on October 18 to discuss actions on how to monitor and enforce the Sustainable Development Goals, the G7 commitments to end hunger and the current refugee crisis. [[more](#)]



In Conversation with Human Rights Activists from Afghanistan and India. RLC-Workshop on human rights

September 27-30, 2015. The workshop focused on research and education in the field of human rights in Asia and Africa as well as on practical concepts and approaches to empower marginalized social groups. A public panel discussion was held in the Old Town Hall in Bonn. [[more information about the panel discussion](#)]

ZEF-director von Braun gives a talk about "Refugees and migration" at the Africa Association in Berlin.

September 24, 2015. ZEF-director Joachim von Braun presented a paper on "Refugees and migration – consequences for development policy" at the event "Africa Insight" of the Africa Association (Afrika Verein, Wirtschaft) in Berlin. [[more](#)] [[download the paper](#)]

Research on the Economics of Land Degradation comes up with several case studies in Africa and Asia

ZEF's research group on the Economics of Land Degradation has published five case studies on Kenya, Ethiopia, Malawi and Tanzania, India and Uzbekistan in which the costs of action towards combating land degradation are weighed up against the costs of inaction over a 30-year horizon. More policy briefs will follow sui t[[more](#)]

ZEF economists receive prestigious awards at international conference in Milan

ZEF researchers won prestigious awards at the 29th tri-annual International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) in Milan, Italy, on August 13, 2015, in which more than 1,200 researchers from about 70 countries participated. [[more](#)]

Research on Economics of Climate Change in West Africa

A summary of findings and outlooks based on the cooperation between ZEF and the WASCAL doctoral program on Economics of Climate Change at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar was published and is available on ZEF's website. [[more](#)]

The power of PAUWES: first batch of students in Panafrican university program visit Summer School in Germany

From July 17-31, the first cohort of students of the Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences, including Climate Change (PAUWES), attended a Summer School in Germany which was co-organized with ZEF.[[more](#)]

ZEF EVENTS / Public Lectures

Scope and limits for market-based instruments in environmental governance: The case of ecosystem services. By Dr. Erik Gómez-Baggethun.

ZEF Public Lecture. November 16, 2015. [[more](#)]

Can Africa compete against China in manufacturing? By Prof. Dr. Aly Mbaye.

ZEF Public Lecture. November 5, 2015. [[more](#)] [[Video](#)]

ZEF at UN Day ZEF presented its research at this year's United Nations Day in Bonn with the motto "70 years of United Nations - making this world a better place together". October 24, 2015.

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Film screening on "In the Lap of the Mountains: The Irrigation Systems of Ladakh's Farming Communities". With film director Joe Hill. October 14, 2015. [\[more\]](#)

Land tenancy contracts and contract duration influence on farmers' investment decisions. By Prof. Awudu Abdulai.
ZEF Public Lecture. October 6, 2015. [\[more\]](#)

Air quality and climate change in the context of sustainable development. By Prof. Dr. Mark Lawrence.
ZEF Public Lecture. October 2, 2015. [\[more\]](#)

The use of agricultural system models for exploring technological innovations across scales in Africa. By Prof. Dr. Reimund P. Rötter with Dr. Marrit van den Berg.
ZEF Public Lecture. October 1, 2015. [\[more\]](#)

Festival "Save the World II - Climate Change"
Among the performing experts was Jan Börner, junior-professor at ZEF. September 18, 2015. [\[more\]](#)

The essential role of Science Academies in society. By Prof. Dr. Mohamed H.A. Hassan.
ZEF Public Lecture. September 16, 2015. [\[more\]](#) [\[watch the video\]](#)

Studying agriculture-nutrition interventions to evaluate and learn possible impact pathways. By Dr. Irmgard Jordan.
ZEF Public Lecture. September 10, 2015. [\[more\]](#)

Africa on the move: Catalyzing and sustaining an agricultural transformation. By Dr. Agnes Kalibata.
ZEF Public Lecture. July 20, 2015. [\[more\]](#) [\[watch the video\]](#)

Photo exhibition on Kenya at ZEF
July 15, 2015 | 16:00 h - October 31, 2015. [\[more\]](#)

A Brief History of Development, Development Thinking and Foreign Assistance to Development. By Dr. Jean-Jacques Dethier.
ZEF Public Lecture. July 2, 2015. [\[more\]](#)

The story of adaptation to climate change in the UNFCCC. By Dr. Saleemul Huq.
ZEF Public Lecture. June 24, 2015. [\[more\]](#) [\[watch the video\]](#)

Book launch: Handbook of Multilevel Finance. Speaker and book author: Dr. Ehtisham Ahmad.
ZEF Public Lecture. June 23, 2015. [\[more\]](#) [\[watch the video\]](#)

ZEF IN THE PRESS

"Mangelernährung in Industrieländern". An article on malnutrition in industrialized nations with quotes from ZEF-director Joachim von Braun (in German). [\[swr.de\]](#)

Black lists against rainforest destruction. Brazil's public authorities

regularly publish "blacklists" of municipalities with high illegal deforestation rates. ZEF researchers found that this environmental policy tool is actually working. Their findings were published in PLOS ONE. [[Radio interview with Elias Cisneros In German \(SWR\)](#)]

Are bonds the right means to help in refugee crisis? ZEF-director Eva Youkhana responds in an interview with the international radio broadcast company "Deutsche Welle" . [[In German \(Deutsche Welle\)](#)]

"To disconnect oneself from the world? This is not possible!" ZEF researcher Markus Kaiser gave an Interview in Весь Мир - The Whole World. [[In Russian](#)]

Fliegenlarven - Maden als eiweißreiches Futtermittel. Deutschlandradio Kultur interviewed ZEF-director Christian Borgemeister on eating insects as protein source for animals and humans. [[In German](#)]

Hunger in Africa: Can the 'Made in Germany' approach lead to self-sufficiency? An article on the green innovation centers, financed by the German Government with quotes from ZEF-senior researcher Detlef Virchow. [[In English](#)]

Wissenschaft für die Felder. Article on WASCAL with quotes from ZEF-director Christian Borgemeister in the German radio channel "Deutschlandfunk". [[In German](#)]

Is Kazakhstan's experience unique or instructive? A European perspective. Interview with ZEF researcher Markus Kaiser. [[In Russian](#)]

DOCTORAL DEFENSES (since July 2015)

The impacts of large-scale land-acquisition in East Africa on poverty reduction and the rural economy: studies in Ethiopia and Uganda. By [Philipp Baumgartner](#) on November 6.

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The prospects of organic farming in Bhutan. By [Sonam Tashi](#) on August 19.

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Locally embedded adaption planning: A Trilogy on the adaption of flood-affected people in Kampung Muara Baru, Jakarta. By [Hendricus Andy Simarmata](#) on August 10.

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