

Rationale for the research workshop

The governance of public goods has undergone dramatic change since the 1980s. Traditional models of public ownership and provision have – in the wake of global trends of liberalisation, privatisation, technological innovation, land-use change and environmental regulation – given way to a patchwork of organisational structures, policy frameworks and local practices.

Research by social scientists and historians on suitable institutional arrangements is becoming very topical. Within this scholarly debate on the governance of public goods the issue of spatiality is curiously under-researched.

The purpose of the international research workshop is to explore the multiple, emergent geographies of the commons as a step towards developing a more systematic and fine-grained conceptualisation of the spatial dimensions to their governance. We aim to promote dialogue between historians, geographers and researchers across the social sciences and between three strands of research that we have identified as particularly relevant to the territoriality of the commons:

- Action arenas as loci for organising regional commons
- Rescaling the commons and the reordering of power geometries
- Reconnecting the physical and social geographies of the commons.

The relative strengths and weaknesses of these three research strands as well as their resonances and dissonances will be critically appraised with a view to advancing new ways of theorising and analysing the spatiality of commons governance. Particular attention will be paid to historical debates on the spatial organisation of the commons and their relevance for today's challenges.

ORGANISATION

Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS)

**Research Department
“Institutional Change and Regional Public Goods”**

Responsible: Timothy Moss

Organisation team: Christoph Bernhardt, Martina Leppler, Andreas Röhring

Workshop fee:

The fee for attending the workshop is

€ 80 (including workshop dinner) or

€ 40 (excluding workshop dinner),

€ 20 for students (excluding workshop dinner).

The fee includes meals, refreshments and the workshop documentation. Participants are expected to bear expenses for transportation and accommodation themselves.

Registration:

Please use the [Registration Form](#).

Further information regarding payment and a limited number of reserved hotel rooms in Erkner will be sent with the confirmation of registration.

Contact: Martina Leppler: commongoods@irs-net.de

Registration deadline: 19 September 2011

Venue:

Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS),
Flakenstr. 28-31, 15537 Erkner (near Berlin), Germany,
www.irs-net.de

Sponsorship:

The organisers are grateful for the financial support provided by the German Research Foundation via the DFG-funded project “Rescaling Environmental Governance in Europe” (MO 1057/3-1).



TERRITORIALITY OF THE COMMONS

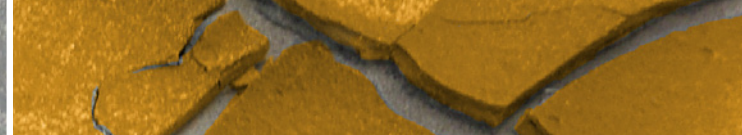
**Spatial Perspectives on the Governance
of Public Goods in Past and Present**

International Research Workshop
29-30 September 2011 in Erkner



IRS

Leibniz Institute for
Regional Development
and Structural Planning



Thursday 29th September 2011

11.00 Welcome Address

Heiderose Kilper, IRS

11.10 Introduction

Timothy Moss, IRS

Action arenas as loci for organising regional commons

11.45 Keynote: Regional action arenas, actor networks, and adaptive governance

Frank van Laerhoven, Utrecht University

12.15 Lunch

13.15 Selling the commons: the effects of land auctions at parliamentary enclosures in England

John Chapman, University of Portsmouth

The collective properties in the 21st century. Long-standing models, brand-new views

Francesco Minora, European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises, Trento

13.45 Discussion

Discussant: Christian Schleyer, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences

14.30 Peer-to-peer architecture, making the commons mode of production work in urban design

Georg Franck, Vienna University of Technology

Rediscovering the commons? Enclosures and openings to common understandings in spatial regional planning

Mikaela Vasstrøm, University of Copenhagen

Action arenas versus action areas – comparing territoriality in common good approaches

Andreas Röhring and Ludger Gailing, IRS

15.15 Discussion

Discussant: Christian Schleyer, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences

16.00 Coffee and Poster Session

16.45 Pre-dinner speech:

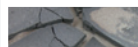
Paving the road in virtual spaces.

How to materialize rights to immaterial commons

Rainer Kuhlen, University of Konstanz

18.00 End of the Session

19:00 Workshop Dinner at "Bechsteins", Erkner



Friday 30th September 2011

Rescaling the commons and the reordering of power geometries

09.15 Keynote: Whose Commons? New enclosures and the scalar struggles for a democratic commons

Erik Swyngedouw, University of Manchester

09.45 Territoriality of public goods in communist countries. The case of communist systems in Hungary and China

Ferenc Gyuris, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

Gradual dynamics, windows of opportunity and power: the scalar re-organisation of water governance in Southern Spain

Andreas Thiel, Humboldt University of Berlin

10.15 Discussion

Discussant: Markus Wissen, University of Vienna

11.00 Geographical and technological proximities as pathways of conceptualizing social geographies of public goods in the European context: the impact of Europeanization in the case of Greece

Theodora Stathoulia, Hellenic Parliament's political group

Rescaling and the reordering of power in German Water Policy: historical and contemporary cases

Christoph Bernhardt and Frank Hüesker, IRS

11.30 Discussion

Discussant: Markus Wissen, University of Vienna

12.00 Lunch

Reconnecting the physical and social geographies of the commons

13.00 Keynote: Re-thinking the nature of urban nature

Matthew Gandy, University College London

13.30 Road space as urban commons – how the social construction of public space shapes institutions and governance structures (and vice versa?)

Angela Jain, Hans-Liudger Dienel and Massimo Moraglio, Nexus Institute and Berlin University of Technology

13.45 Discussion

Discussant: Olaf Kühne, Saarland University

14:15 Coffee

14:30 Infrastructures of power – power of infrastructures

Jens Ivo Engels, Technical University of Darmstadt

The contemporary evolution of historical Mediterranean commons: the mountains around the sea

Giorgio Pizzolo, University of Florence and Rita Micarelli, IIAS in Systems Research and Cybernetics, Ontario

15.00 Discussion and wrap-up debate

Discussant: Olaf Kühne, Saarland University

16.00 Closing of the Workshop