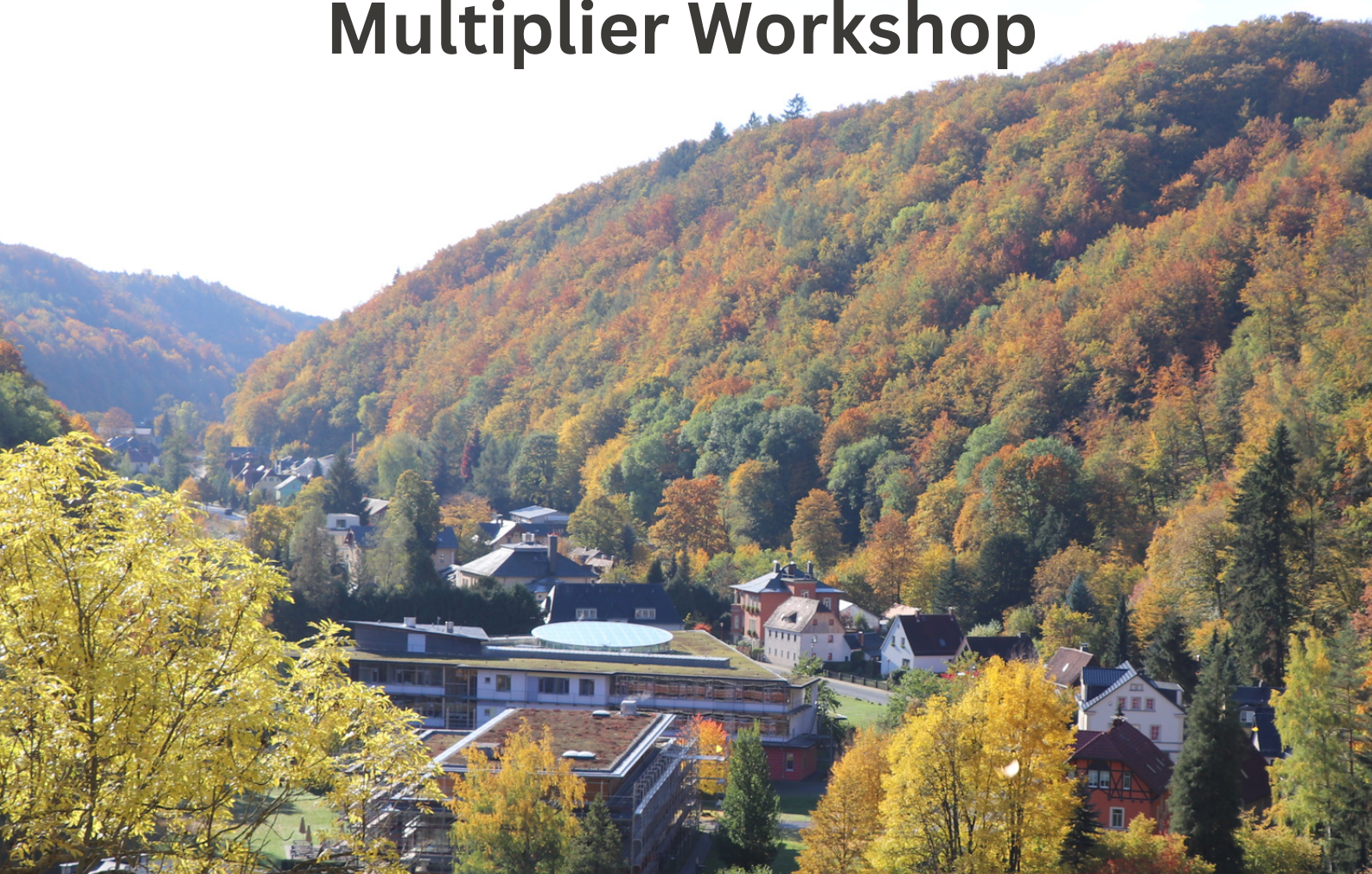


INREM Network Strategy and Multiplier Workshop



**“Assessing actors’ power and their interests
for sustainable land-use development and
governance in the Global South”**

September 25 – 29, 2023, in Tharandt, Germany

Venue: Institute for International Forestry and Forest Products
Cotta-Bau (Room C2)

Seminar contents and aims

Over recent years, governance as theoretical concepts and practical tool has increasingly received attention as key to sustainable management of land resources, including forests and forest landscapes. Conceptually, governance refers to the interplay of norms, structures and processes that define how responsibilities are distributed and decisions are taken across multiple scales, sectors and by the associated actors such as international organizations, national ministries, local governments, civil society, the private sector and local communities. Power, which manifests in the actors' relationships and interactions, can be defined as the actors' capabilities to influence other actors within the governance regime. In this respect, power is critical for actors to efficiently operate in governance regimes, pursuing their interests against competing actors or forcing alliances for coordinated actions. Given the importance of actors and power, approaching governance from an actor-centered perspective is not only relevant for explaining specific land use outcomes, but also for identifying leverage points to change governance arrangements and to empower actors in a way it could promote sustainable land use practices.

Against this background, “actor-centered power (ACP)”, which is both a theory and a tool to rapidly assess actors' power, provides an appropriate approach to capture the outcomes of land-use governance regimes from an actors' perspective. This alumni strategy workshop gathers together alumni and other experts, who have integrated ACP approaches in their work as scientist and practitioners. Designed as strategic multiplier workshop, the event provides opportunities for intensive exchange and discussions on past, present and future use of ACP in land-use development and governance.

Beyond the professional exchange, the workshop aims at further developing the alumni expert network “Integrated Natural Resources and Environmental Governance” (INREM). The workshop seeks to further consolidate coordination mechanisms and to develop an agenda/roadmap for the alumni network with potential activities in the years to come. This includes the next two regional alumni networking and capacity building seminars, which are planned to take place in Latin America (2024, Argentina) and Asia-Pacific (2025, Indonesia), both dealing with regional natural resources governance dynamics as cross-country learning exchanges.



DAY 01 24/09/23

Individual arrival in Dresden/Tharandt

Accommodation: Gästehaus "Am Backofenfelsen"

Tharandter Straße 6

01705 Freital

DAY 02 25/09/23

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8.45 **Pick-up at the Guesthouse "Am Backofenfelsen"**

9.00 **Registration / Coffee**

10.00 **Opening remarks through Prof. Dr. Lukas Giessen**

10.15 **Workshop agenda and introduction of participants**
[Dr. Simon Benedikter & Dr. Carsten Schusser]

10:45 **Keynotes by Prof. Dr. Lukas Giessen: Actor-centered power and forest governance**
[Moderation: Prof. Dr. Ahmad Maryudi]

11.15 **Session I: Actor-centered power in forestry - Concepts, methods and case studies** [Moderation: Dr. Simon Benedikter] (5min each)

- Dr. Carsten Schusser
- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Maryudi
- Asst. Prof. Dr. Zhao Jiacheng
- Prof. Dr. Nazmus Sadath
- Dr. Christiane Hubo
- Dr. Patrick Opuko
- Dr. Md. Saifur Rahman
- Julián Daniel Mijailoff

12.30 **Joined Lunch in Mensa Tharandt**

13.30 **Session II: Actor-centered power - Concepts, methods and case studies** [Moderation: Dr. Carsten Schusser] (5min each)

- Dr. Ngo Duy Bach
- Prof. Dr. M. Alif. K. Sahide
- Annika Thomas
- Rocío Melina García
- Dr. Jude Kimengsi
- Preeyaphat Chaiklang
- Lwin Thuzar Nyein
- Dr. Pradip Kumar Sarker

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 14.30 Coffee/tea break
- 15.00 **Discussion & Daily wrap-up** [Moderation: Lukas Giessen]
- 16.00 **Visit of TUD Campus in Tharandt and the Forest Botanical Garden**
[Dr. Carsten Schusser]
- 18.30 **Welcome Dinner:** Bahnwärterhäuschen (Catering Hauswirtschaft)
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DAY 03 26/09/23

- 8.40 Pick-up at the Guesthouse “Am Backofenfelsen”
- 9.00 **Paper Session I:** [Moderation: Dr. Jude Kimengsi]
- **Prof. Dr. Ahmad Maryudi:** *“Brokering the interests of powerful actors: Nongovernmental organizations in the two-decade implementation of social forestry in Indonesia”*
 - **Dr. Patrick Opoku:** *“Actor and power analysis in urban forestry and green spaces management”*
- 10.30 Coffee/tea break
- 11.00 **Paper Session II** [Moderation: Dr. Christiane Hubo]
- **Dr. Carsten Schusser:** *“The applicability of ACP and its analysis through the sequence design outside of community forestry”*
 - **Prof. Md. Nazmus Sadath:** *“Outcome based actor centred power mapping in protected area co-management governance in the Sundarbans, Bangladesh”*
- 12:30 Joined lunch in Mensa Tharandt
- 13:30 **Daily wrap-up** [Moderation: Prof. Lukas Giessen]
- 14:00 **Visit to Dresden Old Quarter & Blasewitz** (Sightseeing), Frauenkirche (Our Lady’s Church)
- 18:30 **Joined dinner** at Schillergarten Dresden (Dresden, Blasewitz)



DAY 04 27/09/23

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8.30 Pick-up at the Guesthouse “Am Backofenfelsen”

8.45 **Paper Session III:** [Moderation: Prof. Dr. M. Alif. K. Sahide]

- **Rocío Melina García:** *“How alternative future land-use scenarios would affect the actors' power in a protected area”*
- **Dr. Jude Kimengsi:** *“Missing” power elements in the ACP framework: Theoretical reflections and empirical insights from Central Africa’s Dja and Faro Landscapes”*

10.15 Coffee/tea break

10.45 **Paper Session IV:** [Moderation: Dr. Ngo Duy Bach]

- **Prof. Dr. M. Alif. K. Sahide:** *“A Heuristic Typology for Mediator-Centred Power in Land Use Conflict in Developing Countries”*
- **Annika Thomas:** *“How do multiple crisis influence ACP? Case studies from Germany”*

12.15 Joined lunch in Mensa

13.15 **Rethinking external critique: Experience with actor-centered power research in peer-review processes** [Moderation: Prof. Lukas Giessen]

14.30 Coffee/tea break

15.00 **Daily wrap-up**

15.30 **Forest hike from Tharandt to the Guesthouse “Backofenfelsen”** [for those who like to walk] (approx. 1 hour) [Dr. Simon Benedikter]

Dinner individually organized

DAY 05 28/09/23

8.40 Pick-up at the Guesthouse “Am Backofenfelsen”

9.00 **Paper Session V:** [Moderation: Dr. Md. Saifur Rahman]

- **Preeyaphat Chaiklang:** *“Mangrove Management in Thailand, status, trends and loopholes”*
- **Lwin Thuzar Nyein:** *“Mangrove Management in Myanmar, status, trends and loopholes”*
- **Dr. Ngo Duy Bach** *“Actors determining outcomes of Community Forest: Cases from the Northwest Region of Vietnam”*

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- 10.30 Coffee/tea break
- 11.00 **Paper Session VI:** [Moderation: Dr. Patrick Opoku]
- **Julián Daniel Mijailoff:** *“Exploring the boundaries of ACP through poststructuralist discourse theory and social network analysis: Case studies of forest governance policy subsystems and forest-based bioeconomy policy processes in Argentina and Uruguay”*
 - **Asst. Prof. Dr. Zhao Jiacheng:** *“Linking Power and Actor Types in Community-Based Conservation: Cases from China”*
- 12.30 Joined lunch in Mensa
- 13.30 **Paper Session VII:** [Moderation: Asst. Prof. Dr. Zhao Jiacheng]
- **Dr. Pradip Kumar Sarker, Prof. Dr. Lukas Giessen, Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmus Sadath, Dr. Md. Saifur Rahman:** *“Actor-centred policy arrangement and three-dimensional actor behaviour: A case of Bangladesh forest protected area co-management governance”*
- 14.15 **Wrap-up and the way forward** [Moderation: Prof. Dr. Lukas Giessen]
- ACP concepts and theory development
 - ACP as practical assessment tool for projects and policy making
 - Exploring collaborative research potentials
 - Development of a special issue (e.g. Forest Policy and Economics)
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 **Alumni Network Session (strategic alignment of INREM)**
[Moderation: Dr. Simon Benedikter]
- Introduction to the alumni network INREM
 - Planned alumni seminars in Latin America and Asia-Pacific
 - How to further consolidate and expand the alumni network?
 - Exploring future network- and capacity building needs
 - Identify essential maintenance measures to sustain the alumni network
 - Other issues
- 16.15 Workshop Closing Remarks [Prof. Lukas Giessen]
- 17.00 Joined barbecue and social networking (open for PhD students, etc.)



DAY 06 29/09/23

Field Excursion to Saxony Switzerland National Park [Dr. Carsten Schusser & Dr. Simon Benedikter]

- Visit to the National Park Center in Bad Schandau
- Lunch on the way
- Hiking Trip in Saxon Switzerland National Park (Schrammsteine or Lilienstein)
- Joined dinner on the way back somewhere in Dresden

DAY 07 30/09/23

Individual departures

PROGRAM SCHEDULE



Session instructions

1. ACP-introduction and experience sessions

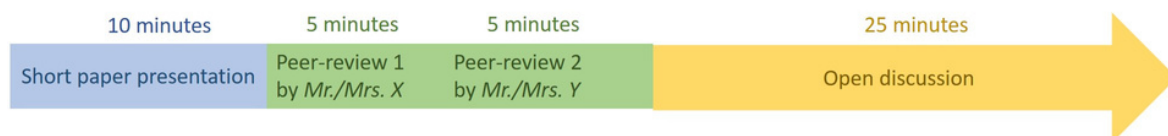
The main focus of workshop day 1 are the two sessions entitled “Actor-centered power – concepts, methods and case studies” which serve as gateway into workshop topic. In these inceptive sessions you have 5 minutes to introduce your very personal experience with the actor-centered power (ACP) approach/concept and how you made use of it in your research. Please be rather short and to the point, and prepare your input along the following guiding questions:

- In which context did you use the ACP approach/concepts (country, case study, context)?
- What was the objective and research question(s) about?
- Why did you consider ACP as an appropriate approach for your research?
- By what kind of methodology and research design did you operationalize your ACP-research?
- What were the results and how did you interpret them in the context of ACP?
- How did your research contribute to the further development of ACP theory?
- What are your lessons learnt in positive and negative sense?

!!!! There is no need to prepare any power point presentation for this session !!!!

2. ACP paper-sessions

The workshop days 2 to 4 will be mainly devoted to paper sessions on ACP-related research. In individual paper session you are provided the opportunity to briefly present and intensively discuss your recent or ongoing ACP-research and get feedback from your peers. Each paper session (90 minutes) comprises two papers. For each paper we will devote 45 minutes in the following procedure:



For each paper we will assign peer-reviewers who will provide short comments (5 minutes each reviewer) before the floor will be open to take further questions, comments and discuss the paper. We expect that all workshop participants will read all the papers in advance. Please note that during the session authors will only present the major points so that we have sufficient time for feedback and discussion.

3. External critique session

Workshop day 4 includes a session in which we will jointly deal with the external scientific feedbacks on ACP-related research you received in peer-review processes over recent years. In this session we will collect and critically reflect on these review feedbacks. As input for the discussion, thus, please bring along some of the key critical remarks and comments on ACP you received in review processes. The collected criticism will be used for a critical self-reflection on our work as initial point for a joint article in which we scrutinize and further advance APC-theory and methodology.

List of participants

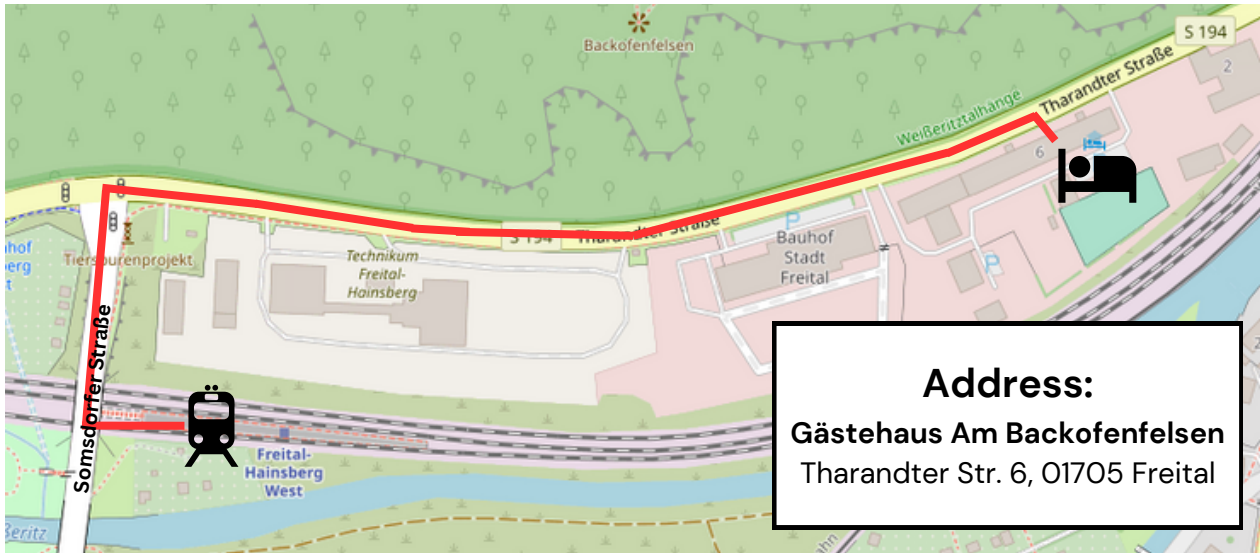
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How to get to the Guesthouse:

After leaving the train station "Freital-Hainsberg West", turn right onto **Somsdorfer Str.**, at the end of the street turn right onto **Tharandter Str.**
After 500 m walking you will find the hotel on the right side.



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