

RTG 1666 GlobalFood "Transformation of Global Agri-Food Systems: Trends, Driving Forces, and Implications for Developing Countries"

**Opening Symposium**

May 19, 2011, Historic Observatory, Geismar Landstraße. 11, Göttingen

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| 09:00 | Registration (Tagungszentrum of the Historic Observatory)   |   |
| 09:30 | Prof. Dr. Ulrike Beisiegel, President of the University of Göttingen<br>"Welcome address and opening"                             |   |
| 09:45 | Prof. Dr. Matin Qaim, Speaker of the RTG, University of Göttingen<br>"GlobalFood: Short overview of RTG concept"                  |   |
| 10:05 | Prof. Dr. Maximo Torero, IFPRI, Washington DC, USA<br>"Transformation of global agri-food systems: Overview of research at IFPRI" |   |
| 10:50 | Dr. Gernot Gad, DFG (German Research Foundation), Bonn<br>"When books and minds collide: A welcome to the RTG"                    |   |
| 11:00 | 11:30   | Coffee break  |
| Panel | Chair: Prof. Dr. Meike Wollni, University of Göttingen  |   |
| 11:30 | Prof. Dr. Rainer Haas, BOKU, Vienna, Austria<br>"From hunger to obesity: Challenges for a global (sustainable) food system"       |   |
| 12:00 | Prof. Dr. Thomas Reardon, Michigan State University, USA<br>"The supermarket revolution in developing countries"                  |   |
| 12:30 | Prof. Dr. Miet Maertens, K.U. Leuven, Belgium<br>"Modern supply chains and gender implications in developing countries"           |   |
| 13:00 | Joint discussion with all three presenters  |   |
| 13:30 | 14:30   | Lunch break   |
| 14:30 | 18:00   | Workshop for RTG participants and invited resource persons<br>Short presentations of doctoral researchers and discussion<br>"Self introduction and first ideas about research focus" (7 minutes each)<br>Moderation for research areas A and B: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Brümmer<br>(coffee break in-between at around 16:00)<br>Moderation for research areas C and D: Prof. Dr. Claudia Keser |
| 18:00 | BBQ   |   |

The sessions before lunch are open to everyone interested. For planning purposes, please register by May 13 in the GlobalFood office (Dr. Melanie Grosse: [mgrosse@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:mgrosse@uni-goettingen.de), T: 0551-39-4443).