

# **MACE**

## **Modern Agriculture in Central and Eastern Europe: Tools for the Analysis and Management of Rural Change**

Marie Curie Project coordinated by Humboldt University, Berlin

### **Call for applications**

Marie Curie Training Course

on

### **Resource Property:**

**Concepts and Tools for Research on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
in Central and Eastern Europe**

at Sinaia, Romania  
24-29 September, 2007

Organized by:

Dr. Mara Rusu, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Bucharest  
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University, Berlin

## **Contents of the Training Course**

The course will review key concepts in property theory, with an emphasis on those relevant to agriculture and natural resources. It will also introduce the participants to applications of these concepts in various fields, including agriculture, forestry, water management, and biodiversity conservation. In addition, the participants will receive guidance on how to develop concrete proposals for research on property in agriculture and the natural resource sector.

The course will combine presentations by invited lecturers with work in small groups. Resource persons will be present to assist the group work. In addition, there will be a field trip to provide the participants with practical experiences.

The invited lecturers are Dr. Stefan Dorondel (Romanian Academy of Sciences), Dr. Ivan Penov (Agricultural University Plovdiv), Dr. Mara Rusu (Institute of Agricultural Economics, Bucharest), and Thomas Sikor (Ph.D., Humboldt University, Berlin).

## **Participants**

Participants should have a background in the social sciences, including but not limited to anthropology, economics, environmental studies, political science, social geography, and sociology. Preference is given to junior researchers enrolled in postgraduate and doctoral programs. Young researchers from Central and Eastern European countries are particularly encouraged to apply. There is a participation fee of 100 €

## **Financial Support**

Funding by the Marie Curie Program allows the organizers to offer financial support to eligible participants, covering travel expenses, accommodation, meals, and the participation fee. Participants are eligible if they have completed their first university degree within the past four years.

## **Applications and further information**

The deadline for applications is June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Applications need to include a short CV and a one-page proposal for research on property in agriculture or the natural resource sector. Notification on acceptance and financial support will be sent out by the end of June.

Please send applications and inquiries to Ms. Sandra Polsfuhs at the Junior Research Group on Postsocialist Land Relations, Luisenstr. 56, 10117 Berlin, Fax.: +49-30-2093-6427, Email: polsfuhs@hotmail.com.

For further information on the MACE series of events, please visit <http://mace-events.org/mace/mace.html>.