Announcement: Study project

“Food and nutrition security in Kenya – designing an integrated supply system for a school”

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Rural-urban transition in Kenya has been characterized by exponential urban population growth, increased agricultural productivity and infrastructural expansion at the expense of the natural resource base present in the rural environment. As Kenya’s human population continues to grow, food provision particularly in urban areas is challenged massively whilst in the rural areas pressure on land resources continues to increase. An urgent need to develop integrated supply systems exists. It is intended to develop an integrated concept for the provision of a school (as a model for an urban body), based on an integrated analysis of the local production system and existing (regional) supply chains. Partial funding of the trip will be provided by Bologna.Lab.

Within this Q-Kolleg students jointly plan and implement an interdisciplinary research project. Specific objectives are a) analysis of the existing production system (school and suppliers) and regional food supply with respect to their strengths and weaknesses, b) analysis of the food and nutrition demand of the school (opportunities and threats), and c) the concept for production, provision and processing in the kitchen including stakeholders’ (students, lecturers, suppliers) interests.

The project is directed at students of 3./4. Semester in the programmes M.Sc. Integrated Natural Resource Management, International Master in Rural Development, Agricultural Economics, Int. Msc. in Horticultural Sciences, Geography and others (check if your programme recognises the course). The number of participants is limited to 12 students. In case of high demand a waiting list may be established. Credit points: 12 ECTS (Thaer) / 10 ECTS (Geography). Exam: written report.

First meeting: 25 April 2019, 2 - 5 pm, Seminar Room 217 (2nd floor), Luisenstr. 53.
All information on the course and the joint project will be given at that occasion, and further meetings are scheduled depending on participants’ availability. A three-day training in teamwork techniques (10-12 May) is compulsory for participants to ensure effective group work during the project.

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