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Third Workshop of Working Group 4

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State Agricultural Policies: Causes, Implementation and Consequences

Organizer: Archives of rural history (ARH)
Place: Möschberg/Grosshöchstetten (www.moeschberg.ch)
Date: 3-5 June 2008

Monday, 2.6.2008 Arrivals

2000-2130

- Welcome address (Wendy Peter, chairwoman of the host *Bio-Forum Schweiz*)
- Introduction to the conference (Peter Moser, Socrates Petmezas, Tony Varley)
- The Archives of Rural History – a portrait (Peter Moser)

Tuesday, 3.6.2008

0830-1230 Section I: The State and Agricultural Policy

- The development and repositioning of the Agricultural Institutional Matrix in the Netherlands in the 20th century (Anton Schuurman, The Netherlands)
- The State, Agrarian Interests and Corporate Organisation under Iberian Dictatorships during the "Golden Age" (Dulce Freire, Daniel Lanero Taboas, Portugal)
- The modernisation of agriculture in Greece (ca.1930-1970): a variation of a Southern-European Model or a 'lonely' case? (Socrates Petmezas, Greece)
- Post Second World War State Agricultural Policies in Bulgaria – Evolution, Implementation, Impacts (Hrabrin Bachev, Bulgaria)
- Conflicts and compromises between the Socialist State and peasants in Hungary: The background of the "Hungarian Agricultural Miracle" (Zsuzsanna Varga, Hungary)

Discussant/Comments: Nadine Vivier, France

1400-1700 Section II: Actors

- Inventors and Executors of State Agricultural Policies. A Prosopography of Swiss Agronomists in the 20/21st centuries (Daniel Flückiger, Switzerland)

- Prices, pressure groups or propaganda: what produced output increases in United Kingdom agriculture from 1945 to 1965? (Paul Brassley, Great Britain)
- Power Structures, Biography and Farming Activism: The Case of Elizabeth F. Bobbett in 1930s Ireland (Tony Varley, Ireland)
- From interconnectedness to gender segregation in agricultural and rural policies. Phases and typologies through a gender analysis of the international debates, 1890-1955 (Margreet van der Burg, The Netherlands)

Discussant/Comments: Socrates Petmezas, Greece

Evening excursion: Places and sources of farmers grain-breeding in the Emmental

Wednesday, 4.6.2008

0830-1200 Section III: Socio-economic and political Impacts

- State motives and the establishment of agricultural research institutions: origins of the South German plant-breeding stations ca. 1900 (Jonathan Harwood, Great Britain)
- State, food processing sector and food safety. Local Hygiene Laboratories in Spain from the end of the XIX century to the first decade of the XX century (Gloria Sanz Lafuente, Spain)
- The prohibition of dogcarts: a hidden agricultural policy? (Serge Schmitz, Belgium)
- Comparing the agro-structural change of the Alpine Regions (Thomas Streifeneder, Italy)

Discussant/Comments: Giuliana Biagioli, Italy

1330-1630 Section IV: Agricultural policies in a comparative perspective

- The state and the agricultural sector in industrial societies: An uneasy and complex relationship (Peter Moser, Switzerland)
- "A 'tendence vers l'obligation'? - The regulation of the international sugar market in the 1930s." (Georg von Graevenitz, Italy)
- British and Austrian Farming in the Second World War: Revolution or Evolution? (Ernst Langthaler, Austria)
- The evolution of farm policies: a long-term global perspective (Niek Koning, The Netherlands)

Discussant/Comments: Paul Brassley, Great Britain

Thursday, 5.6.2008

0830-1000 Section I: Conclusions from the workshop
Rapporteurs : Nadine Vivier, Socrates Petmezas, Giuliana Biagioli, Paul Brassley

1030-1200 Section II: Results, questions, conclusions and perspectives of the three workshops of the Working Group 4 (The state, government, politics and the rural society)
Nadine Vivier: rapporteur workshop 1
Ernst Langthaler: rapporteur workshop 2
Peter Moser, Socrates Petmezas, Tony Varley: rapporteurs workshop 3

1400-1700 Section III: COST-Action A 35 Progressore: Results, questions, conclusions and perspectives. A preparatory session for the final conference in Gerona in spring 2009
Mats Morell, Sweden (rapporteur working group 1: Landed property)
NN (rapporteur working group 2: The Management of Rural Land)
Anne-Lise Head, Switzerland (rapporteur working group 3: Peasant Societies)
Socrates Petmezas, Greece (rapporteur working group 4: The State, Government, Politics and Peasants)