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CHANGE IN GOVERNANCE AS COLLECTIVE LEARNING PROCESS: Management, Politics and Ethics in Forestry

International Symposium
Nancy, France, 21-24 June 2009

2nd CALL FOR PAPERS

Problem statement

Following the international dialogue linked to globalisation, the past 20 years are marked by an evident shift in the decision making procedures in all public sectors, including in forestry, with a change from government top-down regulations to interactions introduced by governance mechanisms. However, at the same time, the economic globalisation may have limited the real space of decision at both levels.

The intensity and quality of this progressive process of change work differently depending on social, cultural and political contexts, even if they have been triggered by the same global process. If the concepts and principles look well defined and shared in international statements, there is a huge gap between the discourse and its concrete implication. Policy formulation and implementation can be understood as a reflexive governance process, based on the interactions between different actors and stakeholders whereas their demands, positions, reactions and alliances are being permanently re-constructed through mutual learning and consequent adaptation. The way the changes emerge from this learning process, and the way this process determines changes in forest governance are addressed by this conference.

Topics addressed

Learning as a process:

Who is learning, what and from whom? Is there a difference in learning among different actors and stakeholders, and what is behind it? What are the mechanisms leading to the emergence of new knowledge and adaptation? What is their link with topics addressed, stakeholders involved, and the position of the State? How are strategies and positions re-defined, under which influence? What is the comparative importance of symbolic and “material”-driven interests for the changes in positions and strategies?

Learning as a driver for change:

What is changed due to learning (positions, reactions/strategies or decisions)? Which different knowledge is brought from the process in terms of forest, forest management and forest policy? Learning on facts or on the process itself? Do social and policy learning lead to different changes? Are they complementary or parallel? Power created through this discourse and learning, what is the link between them?

Concepts of governance and approaches to social learning:

What is the impact of the broader debates on governance for forest policy and management? What can be learnt from experimenting with different concepts and approaches? What lessons can be learnt from a decade of experimentation with new forms of collaborative governance and management of common pool resources? How are these new approaches reflected in international fora and evolutions in legal frameworks?

Ethics of sustainability in a global context:

How did the change in governance transform the ethical issues to be addressed in this field? Can sustainability provide a universal moral basis for the world of forestry? What is the role of ethics in ranking of priorities such as climate change, biodiversity and global trade? Does corporate social responsibility matters in the global competition of forest industries? How to generate knowledge on sound ethical practice? What is the role of evaluation in the learning process on ethical issues?

Conference Programme

Sunday, 21 June 2009:

18.00-19.30: Ice-breaking aperitif

Monday, 22 June 2009:

9.00-10.00: Welcome note and introductory session

10.30-12.00: Key-note addresses (confirmed):
Catherine M. Tucker, Indiana University, USA
Tony Cheng, Colorado State University, USA
Bjørn T. Asheim, Lund University, Sweden

12.00-13.30: Lunch

13.30-15.30: Plenary paper session

16.00-18.00: Plenary paper session

19.00: Reception at Nancy City Hall

Tuesday, 23 June 2009:

8.30-10.30: Plenary paper session
11.00-12.30: Plenary panel discussion with keynote speakers and policy officials
12.30-14.00: *Lunch*
14.00-18.00: Field trip
20.00: *Conference dinner*

Wednesday, 24 June 2009:

8.30-10.30: Parallel sessions (IUFRO 6.12, IUFRO 6.05; REFGOV)
11.00-13.00: Parallel sessions (IUFRO 6.12, IUFRO 6.05; REFGOV)
13.00-14.30: *Lunch*
14.30-16.00: Plenary conclusive session (open discussion)
16.00: *Drinks*

Whilst key-addresses (7 papers) and plenary sessions (12 papers) include presentations exclusively devoted to the topic addressed by the conference, the parallel sessions will be opened to papers (24 papers) dealing with topics of the respective working groups (IUFRO 6.12, IUFRO 6.05; REFGOV).

Pre-conference proceedings will be issued prior to the conference, including the full texts of the 7 key-addresses and 12 papers presented in plenary sessions, and abstracts of the 24 papers presented in parallel sessions.

English is the conference language, with no simultaneous translation.

Logistics

The venue of the conference is the Congress Hall of Nancy, located in the city centre, 5min walking distance from the Stanislas Square.

The deadline for submitting abstracts (max 500 words) in the second call for papers is **8 March 2009**. The final selection will be done by the scientific committee by 1 April 2009. Abstract submission by email to Sabine Weiland (sabine.weiland@iddri.org), cc to Gérard Buttoud (gerard.buttoud@engref.agroparistech.fr).

Registration will be closed on **31 May 2009**.

The registration fees are of 300 Euros. A special reduction to 150 Euros for PhD students and scientists from developing and transitioning countries is limited to the 20 first paid registrations. The registration fees include: ice-breaking and farewell aperitif, all lunches and coffee breaks, a conference dinner, a field trip and pre-conference proceedings. Fees have to be paid prior to the conference.

The field trip (2 options) will be devoted to the following topics: (i) social and policy learning in the negotiation of land management in a suburban forest area: conflict resolution in the boundaries of the Haye forest in Nancy; (ii) social and policy learning in the negotiation of a

Natura 2000 forested area management: ecology, recreation and timber production in the Regional natural park of Lorraine.

Participants have to manage by themselves their lodging and dinners (except for the conference dinner). A list of hotels will be provided in time for direct registrations.

On Sunday evening, 21 June, a special event, the Night of the Music will take place in Nancy.