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"Implications of Interests Group Politics on Institutional Change: Land Tenure System Reforms in post-Communist Transition"

Is a tentative title for the project that aims to trace back to the starting point of the post-Communist transition and analyze idiosyncratic circumstances that characterized land tenure system choices, which, in turn, led to specific economic reformation path. By investigating salience of several economic, social and political issues at the critical juncture of regime change that influenced the political decision makers of respective countries and shaped the specific tendencies of land tenure system reformation processes, the project aims to identify importance of initial political, social and economic conditions for the choice of particular timing and sequencing of land reforms. Role of interest groups, political power balance, or lack thereof, and conditions for promoting economic incentives are identified as primary explanatory variables behind a choice of a specific land tenure system.