# Module M.SIA.E11: Socioeconomics of rural development and food security

## Learning outcome, core skills:
Students learn concepts of development and problem-oriented thinking in a development policy context. The identification of interdisciplinary linkages is trained. Building on case-study analyses, course participants can pinpoint appropriate economic and social policies and assess their impacts. These qualifications can also be transferred to unfamiliar situations.

## Workload:
- **Attendance time:** 56 h
- **Self-study time:** 124 h

## Course:
### Socioeconomics of rural development and food security (Lecture)

**Contents:**
This module provides students with an overview of socioeconomic aspects of hunger and poverty in developing countries. Apart from more conceptual issues and development theories, policy strategies for rural development and poverty alleviation are discussed and analyzed. Special emphasis is put on problems in the small farm sector. Numerous empirical examples are used to illustrate the main topics.

## Examination:
### Written examination (90 minutes)

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**Examination requirements:**
Concepts and measurement of hunger and poverty; development theory; classification and evaluation of rural development policies

## Admission requirements:
- **none**

## Recommended previous knowledge:
- Prior knowledge of microeconomics at the BSc level is useful

## Language:
- **English**

## Person responsible for module:
- Prof. Dr. Matin Qaim

## Course frequency:
- each winter semester; Göttingen

## Duration:
- 1 semester[s]

## Number of repeat examinations permitted:
- twice

## Recommended semester:

## Maximum number of students:
- 120

## Additional notes and regulations:

**Literature:**
Text books, research articles and lecture notes.