

Osnabrücker Geographisches Kolloquium

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Das Institut für Geographie lädt ein zur Kolloquiumsreihe:

„Inklusion und Exklusion in globalen Produktionsnetzwerken“

Mittwoch, 21. Oktober 2015

PROF. DR. BILL PRITCHARD (SYDNEY):

When does economic growth lead to improved nutrition? The state, social protection and the twenty-first century food regime – insights from the BRICS

In recent years, a number of middle-income countries and influential multilateral institutions have instigated actions that frame food system governance around social protection and rights. These state-centered mobilizations raise fundamental questions about how to portray the global politics of food. Since the late 1980s, analysts have largely concurred that US hegemony in the global politics of food has given way to diverse and volatile neo-liberalist and corporate-led food system governance. However, what should we make of a situation where state and supra-state actors are flexing their powers to reshape food systems in line with rights-based models? Should this be understood as reflexes which aim to preserve national order, at a time of intensified food and nutrition insecurities? Or, is it the foundations of a re-governed system which curbs and molds a corporate-led politics of food within frameworks of justice? This talk will discuss social protection and rights-based approaches to the politics of food at the multilateral level and in the BRICS, with particular reference to India. I argue that these initiatives underline a robust and continuing role of state power in global food politics, albeit in quite a different fashion to previous entanglements.

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