

# Socioeconomics of Agriculture

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**Stefan Mann: Lecture 3 „ Agricultural Administration: Path dependencies and efficiency issues”**

The Lecture in one sentence:

***Cost differences in the (agricultural) administration can partly be explained by different performances, partly by (mostly historically induced) organizational inefficiencies***

You should, at the end of the lecture

- know different socioeconomic approaches to the analysis of administrations
- know different methods to determine the share of transaction costs of a policy and their rationale
- be able to explain different reasons for variances in administrative cost, both between instruments and between geographic entities
- be able to quantify the output of certain policies for the benefit of efficiency analyses
- know the concept and impact of path dependency, also in relation to the agricultural administration

Further reading:

Fährmann, B., R. Grajewski (2013): How expensive is the implementation of rural development programmes? *European Review of Agricultural Economics* 40 (4) 541-572

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Mann, S. (2002): The Concept of Administrative Elasticity. *International Journal of Public Administration* 25 (8) 1007-1019