

Impulse Speech for the Opening Ceremony 2007 of the Master's Programme Land Management and Land Tenure.

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Dear Mr. Vogt
Dear Prof. Magel
Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a great honour for the Förderkreis and for me to have the chance of delivering a speech in this Opening Ceremony. Somebody may ask, what are the activities of the Förderkreis Bodenordnung und Landentwicklung.

The Förderkreis is a non profit association, which is recognized as organisation of public utility by the Bavarian Tax Authorities. It was founded in 2002 aiming at the financial support of the scientific work at the chair of Prof. Magel. From the very beginning the support of the Master Course Land Management and Land Tenure was included.

Let me explain, in the first place, why we engaged ourselves and, secondly, how we contributed to the success of the Master Course.

We are deeply convinced that clear rules for real estate property are one of the main factors for political stability and economic prosperity. Of course, the German conception of land property based on the Roman Law and modified by many rules of public law cannot be simply copied in other countries. But we hope the Master Course can convince the students from all over the world that rules for real estate property must be clear and simple, that land register and land readjustment are useful instruments and that urbanistic and ecological limits must be set to private initiatives.

Secondly, how could we help the Master Course in the past years. From 2002 to 2006 we paid the considerable sum of 97.000 Euro for university fees for our students. We are very proud to have been able to help in such a large scale, but obviously this engagement reveals a serious problem. The scholarships granted to the students often don't cover the university fees of 4.000 Euros a year. The university on one hand and the donors of scholarships on the other hand simulate not to see this gap.

Fortunately the situation in 2007 is a better one. Thanks to the incessant efforts of Prof. Magel the Master Course got a subsidy of 32.000 Euro from the office of the Bavarian Prime Minister and we could reduce our help to 8.000 Euro. But this doesn't mean that we reduce our support. The money we can save will be used to finance a program assistant. Mr Jorge Espinoza, a graduate of a former course will be an excellent help.

My best wishes accompany the new students on their way to the master degree. I am convinced they will have new scientific and professional experiences and and I am sure they will feel that in this chair a good human atmosphere facilitates the studies.

Good Luck!