



Research Seminar

Is the Berlin Airport Everywhere? A Comparison of Transport Infrastructure Policies in Germany

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Transportation megaprojects – "Großprojekte" in German – have a strongly negative connotation in Germany today, after several of them, such as Stuttgart 21 or the Berlin-Brandenburg airport, have caused years of political controversy, most noticeably at the *Land* level. Political scientists, however, have mostly neglected transportation policy so far, particularly at the subnational level, where most conflicts and controversies concerning transportation have occurred. In his presentation, Richard Schenk will outline a research agenda for analyzing the transportation infrastructure policies of the *Länder* through process-tracing the policymaking process in four megaprojects, including the third runway at Munich airport. Beyond shedding light on the goals of the *Länder* when pursuing TI projects, this research seeks to draw attention to sub-national policy-making as an important determinant of sustainability in the transport sector.

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Regional Regulation of Market Competition in Africa: A Comparative Analysis

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Traditionally, the regulation of markets through competition law has taken place at the national level, if at all. The European Union and its Directorate General Competition used to be the only regional competition regime. Now, however, supranational competition regimes are on the rise around the globe. In Africa alone, there are now five regional competition regimes. Among them, the COMESA Competition Commission (CCC) is the most advanced and established so far. The dissertation, for which Ms. Kigwiru will present the objectives, justification and research design, examines important challenges facing regional regulation of market competition, focusing on conflicts of laws, jurisdictional conflicts and conflicts due to the absence of competition laws and/or agencies at the national level. The dissertation will employ in-depth case studies of the CCC and its member states and a comparative analysis of the EU's DG Competition, which has in various ways faced these issues over the course of its 60-year history.



Vellah Kigwiru, a doctoral candidate at the TUM School of Governance, is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and holds both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Law from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. Her research focuses on: competition law and policy; technology and law; international trade law; and international economic law; human rights; and legal research and writing. Before joining the TUM School of Governance, Ms. Kigwiru worked at the Competition Authority of Kenya as a legal analyst, the Riara University Law School as an adjunct lecturer, Laichena Mugambi and Company Advocates as an associate and at the National Council for Law Reporting as a legal researcher.

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