
Suggested Food Policy Research Priorities for Eurasia

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To be clear

- This presentation is **not** about policy priorities.
- It is about policy research priorities to fill important knowledge gaps in a political economy context.
- It is about the generation of evidence to support policy decisions.



Four Challenges and Opportunities

- Improving the diets
- Meeting food demands, enhancing agricultural incomes, improving national, regional and international supply chains
- Sustainable natural resource management
- Management of risks and uncertainty



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 - Food self-sufficiency vs. trade
 - Role of the state in on-farm decision-making



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- **Conditional cash transfers**



Low Priority Policy research

- Vertical indoor vegetable production



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- Futures Markets Institution



Key Requirements

- Good data!!!
- Strong analytical capacities!!!
- Sound analytical frameworks!!!
- To be effective in guiding action the research results must be **TIMELY and RELEVANT:**
 - Foresight
 - Political economy methodology





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