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Beyond the traditional: Voluntary collective action initiatives in China's rural land development

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Abstract: Managing natural resources is one of the crucial tasks of national and local governments, but it also relies on the pro-active contributions of communities and individuals. However, the bottom-up voluntary local management of land exhibits collective action dilemmas, as it inevitably involves aligning contrasting individual opinions and preferences, which makes it difficult to achieve an effective consensus. Particularly in China, such type of collective action can be prone to hierarchical administrative agency and influence, which can effectively disturb sustainable collective action, and lead to resource unsustainability, social imbalances, and not reaching collective goals. Therefore, it is important to better understand how to establish effective partnerships among local stakeholders to reach sustainable and responsible resource management goals.



26 October 2023, 3 – 4 pm (UK Time)

- In-person: Weston Seminar Room (2.49) in the [David Attenborough Building](#)
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