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**‘Farmers’ cooperative decision making and behaviour: the case of the distribution of water along an irrigation channel‘** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Background**

Farmers in Chile are dependent on irrigation systems in order to grow their crops. So-called water communities aim at effectively distributing available water among farmer members. But how do these farmers cooperate with each other along such irrigation channels and can cooperation be improved from an economic and environmental point of view?

Research will be carried out in which we aim to improve the understanding of farmers’ willingness to cooperate in this context. We would like to know by which concepts decision making and behaviour can be understood and predicted better. Concepts that we hypothesize to be influential are e.g. social capital, but also attitudes and beliefs. Either a survey or experimental approach will be used to collect data.

**Thesis job description**

The Business Economics (BEC) group in cooperation with prof. Alejandra Engler, from the Universidad de Talca in Chile, is looking for a MSc-student with excellent qualifications, who is about to start with his or her thesis. The student should have completed the course Advanced Business Economics, preferably with additional courses in behavioural economics or in social psychology.

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