

## **Preliminary Programme**

### **Conference “Micro-Level Analysis of Well-Being in Central Asia”**

#### ***Day 1 (Thursday, May 10, 2012)***

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.15 Welcome

9.15 – 10.15 **Keynote: Well-Being in Transition**  
Nauro Campos (Brunel University)

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.45 **Session 1: Subjective Well-Being**  
Chair: Tilman Brück (DIW Berlin)

**Barbara Dietz** (Institute for East European Studies, Regensburg): *Moving Geographically and Socially? Subjective and Objective Economic Status of Migrants and Non-Migrants in Kazakhstan* (Co-authors: Alexander Danzer, Ksenia Gatskova, Achim Schmillen)

**Hilal Galip** (Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences): *Happiness Puzzle in Post-Socialist Transition: Unhappy Hungarians vs Happy Kyrgyz*

**Olga Popova** (Institute for East European Studies, Regensburg): *Can Religion Insure against Aggregate Shocks to Happiness? The Case of Transition Countries*

12.45 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.45 **Session 2: Employment**  
Chair: Damir Esenaliev (DIW Berlin)

**Henryk Alff** (FU Berlin): *Small-Scale Trade Entrepreneurs and Modernization in Almaty, Kazakhstan*

**Umid Aliev** (University of Leeds): *Self-Employment in Russia and Central Asia: Springboard for New Businesses or Disguised Unemployment?* (Co-author: Virginie Perotin)

**Vanya Slavchevska** (American University, Washington D.C): *More Work for Mother: Female Employment and Unpaid Work in Tajikistan* (Co-author: Mieke Meurs)

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 – 18.15 **Session 3: Migration and Remittances**  
Chair: Matthias Schmidt (University of Hannover)

**Rafis Abazov** (Columbia University): *The Well-Being of Ethnic Migrants in Transition Situation: Case Study of 'Oralman' Migrants' Integration into the Kazakh Society*

**Kathryn Anderson** (Vanderbilt University): *The Impact of Migration and Remittances on the Education, Health, and Behavior of Children in Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic, 2005-2009* (Co-author: Antje Kröger)

**Nurgul Ukueva** (Weber State University Ogden): *Private Transfers and International Remittances in Kyrgyzstan's Post Transition Environment: Results from a New Household Panel Dataset* (Co-author: Charles Becker)

19.00 Dinner

## *Day 2 (Friday, May 11, 2012)*

8.30 – 10.30 **Session 4: Marginalised Groups**  
Chair: Antje Kröger (DIW Berlin)

**Franziska Gassmann** (Maastricht Graduate School of Governance): *Switching the Lights off? The Impact of Energy Tariff Increases on Households in the Kyrgyz Republic* (Co-author: Sarosh Sattar)

**Fanny Kreczi** (FU Berlin): *Well-being of the 'New Pastoralists' in the Eastern Pamirs of Tajikistan* (Co-author: Tobias Kraudzun)

**Aijamal Sarybaeva** (American University of Central Asia): *Struggle for Recognition on the Brink of Legality. Survival Strategies of Land Invaders in the Outskirts of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan* (Co-author: Valentina Mählmeyer)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 13.00 **Session 5: Knowledge and Perceptions**  
Chair: Susan Steiner (DIW Berlin)

**Nafisa Hasanova** (Université Libre de Bruxelles): *Perceptions and Representations of the Poor in Tajikistan*

**Jeanne Féaux de la Croix** (Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin): *Kyrgyzstani Development Workers and 'Knowledge Transfer' as a Strategy of Building a Better Future*

**Emma Sabzalieva** (University of Oxford): *Is the Grass Greener on the Other Side? The Impact of Studying Abroad on the Well-Being of Tajik Nationals*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.20 **Session 6: Gender**

Chair: Manja Stephan (Humboldt University of Berlin)

**Ekaterina Egorushkina** (European University at St. Petersburg): *Religion, Well-Being and Gender in Mountainous Tajikistan: An Anthropological Perspective*

**Zulfiya Tursunova** (University of Manitoba): *Women's Agency in Livelihood Diversification in Uzbekistan*

15.20 End of Conference