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

Thursday, May 10, 2012
Location: Senatssaal, Humboldt University of Berlin

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: Migration and Livelihoods
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
Discussant: Tobias Kraudzun
Discussant: Rafis Abazov
Tobias Kraudzun (Free University Berlin): Well-being of the ‘New Pastoralists’ in the Eastern Pamirs of Tajikistan (Co-author: Fanny Kreczi)
Discussant: Kathryn Anderson

12.45 – 13.45 Lunch
13.45 – 15.45 Session 2: Employment
Chair: Susan Steiner (DIW Berlin)

Henryk Alff (Free University Berlin): Small-Scale Trade Entrepreneurs and Modernization in Almaty, Kazakhstan
Discussant: Damir Esenaliev
**Umid Aliev** (University of Leeds): *Self-Employment in Russia and Central Asia: Springboard for New Businesses or Disguised Unemployment?* (Co-author: Virginie Perotin)
  
  Discussant: Henryk Alff

**Damir Esenaliev** (DIW Berlin): *Welfare Effects of Smallholder Market and Export Participation in Kyrgyzstan* (Co-author: Isabel Teichmann)
  
  Discussant: Umid Aliev

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 – 18.15 **Session 3: Subjective Well-Being**

Chair: Tilman Brück (DIW Berlin)

  
  Discussant: Olga Popova

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

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

19.00 Dinner (self pay)

**Friday, May 11, 2012**

**Location: Schumpeter-Saal, DIW Berlin**

9.00 – 11.00 **Session 4: Household Economies**

Chair: Nauro Campos

**Franziska Gassmann** (Maastricht Graduate School of Governance): *Switching the Lights off? The Impact of Energy Tariff Increases on Households in the Kyrgyz Republic*
  
  Discussant: Mieke Meurs

**Aksana Ismailbekova** (Crossroads Asia Competence Network): *Single Mothers in Osh: Well-Being and the Coping Strategies of Women in the Aftermath of Conflict*
  
  Discussant: Franziska Gassmann

  
  Discussant: Aksana Ismailbekova

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.30 **Session 5: Knowledge and Perceptions**
Chair: Manja Stephan (Humboldt University of Berlin)

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

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

**Emma Sabzalieva** (independent researcher): *Is the Grass Greener on the Other Side? The Impact of Studying Abroad on the Well-Being of Tajik Nationals*
Discussant: Féaux de la Croix

13.30 Packed Lunch and End of Conference

**Instructions for presenters and discussants:**
There is time for 40 minutes for each paper that will be presented. Presentations, usually using Power Point slides, should be 20 minutes. Comments by discussants should be 5, or max. 10, minutes. There are 10-15 minutes time for open discussion.

**Organising Committee:**

- **Tilman Brück**  Department Development and Security, DIW Berlin, and Department of Agricultural Economics, Humboldt University of Berlin
- **Matthias Schmidt**  Institute of Economic and Cultural Geography, Leibniz University Hannover
- **Susan Steiner**  Department Development and Security, DIW Berlin
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