

Call for papers

## Climate Shocks and Household Behavior

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The **Department of Development and Security of DIW Berlin** is organizing the workshop “Climate Shocks and Household Behavior”. The workshop provides a forum to discuss state of the art research on the impact of climate shocks on households from a microeconomic perspective.

Recent research has shown that extreme weather events negatively impact households, for instance by reducing their consumption or asset levels, often with persistent effects. Moreover, households adopt a variety of strategies to cope with climate shocks, both *ex ante* and in response to an event. In many instances, these strategies act themselves as a cause of vulnerability. Better understanding the magnitude of the weather effects and the channels through which the shocks operate is essential to design policies aiming at reducing households' vulnerability and strengthening their resilience.

We invite researchers to submit studies answering in particular the following questions: which is the impact of climate shocks on households' wellbeing, and which are the channels through which this impact is realized; which strategies do households adopt to cope with shocks and adapt to climate change, either *ex ante* (e.g. informal insurance or income diversification) or *ex post* (e.g. variations in labor supply or demand for education, assets sales or borrowing); which policies are most effective in mitigating the effects of climate shocks and reducing households' vulnerability to them.

Priority will be given to empirical studies that use comprehensive and innovative measures of climate shocks and studies that employ robust methodologies for the identification of causal effects.

In order to stimulate the discussion, each presenter will serve as discussant of one study. Papers or extended abstracts should be submitted by e-mail (in pdf format) to [vgrosso@diw.de](mailto:vgrosso@diw.de) by **October 20, 2013**. Decisions of acceptance will be announced by **October 31, 2013**. The final draft of the papers will be due on **November 20, 2013**. Participants have to cover travel and accommodation expenses themselves.

If you would like to attend without presenting a paper, please register by sending an email to the above email address. Participation is free, but space is limited.

The workshop is organized as part of the project “*Economics of Climate Change: Coping with Shocks in Mongolia – Vulnerability, Assets and Migration*”, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and implemented by DIW Berlin in cooperation with the National Statistical Office of Mongolia ([www.diw.de/mongolia](http://www.diw.de/mongolia)).

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Andrei Florin Marin, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, “Shocks, stressors and household strategies: understanding Mongolian pastoralists' contextual vulnerability to climate change”.