

## 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

**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)

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)

**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)

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

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

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:**

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