

# Third Annual Life in Kyrgyzstan Conference 2017

**Organizers:** UCA, SIPRI, IGZ, IFPRI, ISDC, FAO  
**Location:** Park Hotel, 87 Orozbekov Str., Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic  
**Date:** October 12-13, 2017

## DRAFT AGENDA (as of Sep 29, 2017)

### DAY 1: Thursday, October 12, 2017

08:30-09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:30 **Welcome Remarks**

Bohdan Krawchenko (University of Central Asia)  
Tilman Brück (ISDC and IGZ)  
Nicholas Sitko (FAO)  
Kamiljon Akramov (IFPRI)  
Damir Esenaliev (SIPRI)

09:30 - 10:30 **Plenary Session 1. Keynote Speech by Prof. Tilman Brück**

*The Times They Are a-Changin': The Long-Term Dynamics of Livelihoods and Institutions in Kyrgyzstan*

Moderator and Discussant: Bohdan Krawchenko

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:30 **Parallel Sessions**

#### **Session A. Social Cohesion Research and Programming in Kyrgyzstan**

Moderator: Tilman Brück

Damir Esenaliev, Gulzhan Asylbek kyzy, Aida Bolotbekova  
*Launch of national social cohesion index for Kyrgyzstan*

Bakytbek Tokubek uulu, Philipp Schroeder  
*Qualitative approaches in researching social cohesion*

Rakhat Ismanbaeva  
*In pursuit of enhancing social cohesion: innovations in implementation*

#### **Session B. Climate Change and Livestock Sector in Kyrgyzstan**

Moderator: Kamiljon Akramov

Nicholas Sitko  
*Enhancing livestock herders' welfare in the context of climate change: An analysis of the 2012 harsh winter in Kyrgyzstan*

Roman Mogilevskii  
*Development of Sheep Meat Production in Kyrgyzstan and the Effects of Climate Change*

Felix Teillard, Alessandra Falcucci  
*The role of livestock in adapting to climate change, reducing GHG emissions and supporting food security in Kyrgyzstan*

12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 - 15:00 **Parallel Sessions**

**Session C. Export Markets and Integration Processes**

Moderator: [Nicholas Sitko](#)

Kanat Tilekeyev, Roman Mogilevskii, Nazgul Abdrazakova, Shoola Djumaeva  
*Bean Value Chain and Export Capacity in the Kyrgyz Republic*

Isabel Teichmann, Damir Esenaliev  
*Determinants and Welfare Effects of Smallholder Export Participation in Kyrgyzstan*

Zalina Enikeeva  
*EAEU and Silk Road Economic Belt: is it really a “win-win” cooperation? The case of Central Asia*

**Session D. Analyzing and Enhancing the Capacity of CA Mountain Societies to cope with Environmental and Policy Changes**

Moderator: [Irina Lukashova](#)

Altyn Kapalova, Lira Sagynbekova  
*Water resources management in Kyrgyz mountain communities: informal institutions and the role of women*

Asel Murzakulova  
*From Kolhoz to farmer: contemporary challenges for water management in border communities*

Munavar Zhumanova, Dietrich Darr  
*Social, economic and environmental benefits and challenges of farming in mixed production systems, Kyrgyzstan*

15:00-15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 - 17:00 **Parallel Sessions**

**Session E. Household Welfare in Central Asia**

Moderator: [Damir Esenaliev](#)

Saida Ismailakhunova, Aliya Ismailakhunova  
*Poverty, Equity and Mobility in the Kyrgyz Republic: Assessing Trends, Drivers and Challenges*

Burulcha Sulaimanova, Zhunus Ganiev, Damira Baigonushova, Razia Abdieva  
*Food Demand in Kyrgyzstan*

Irina Lukashova, Nikolai Mokrousov  
*Comparative Analysis of Nutrition Indicators Dynamics in Lower Decile Groups of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan*

**Session F. Pursuing Happiness: Aspirations, Expectations, Reality**

Moderator: [Susan Steiner](#)

Kamijon Akramov, Brian Holtemeyer, Katrina Kosec, Kanat Tilekeyev  
*Aspirations, Attitudes, and Investments: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan*

Franziska Gassmann, Jennifer Waidler  
*For Better or Worse: Aspirations and Expectations of Central Asia's Youth*

Jennifer Waidler, Franziska Gassmann, Melissa Siegel  
*In pursuit of happiness: do social assistance and remittances improve subjective well-being?*

17:30 – 21:00 *Reception at Park Hotel*

## **Day 2: Friday, October 13, 2017**

08:30-09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:00 **Plenary Session 2 : Keynote Speech by Prof. Charles Becker**  
*Bride Abduction and Modeling Inter Generational Incentives*

Moderator: **Franziska Gassmann**

10:00-10:30 *Coffee Break*

10:30 - 12:00 **Parallel Sessions**

**Session G. Bride kidnapping and intra-household relations**

Moderator: **Altyn Kapalova**

Susan Steiner, Charles Becker  
*Bride Kidnapping and Psychological Stress*

Charles Becker, Joshua Jacobs, Susan Steiner  
*Bride Abduction in Kyrgyzstan: Social Rationale and Personal Consequences*

Kamila Kolpashnikova  
*Life Course in Kyrgyzstan: Older Women Do Less Housework*

**Session H. Trends in and Policies for Technological Innovation in Central Asia**

Moderator: Roman Mogilevskii

Roman Mogilevskii  
*Labor Market Trends and Policies*

Nazgul Zhenish  
*Technological Development and Innovations: Trends and Policies*

Parviz Khakimov  
*Climate Change Adaptation Trends and Policies*

Oleksandr Kiliievych  
*Evidence-based Policy Making and Performance Evaluation: a Comparative Case of Ukraine and Kyrgyzstan*

12:00-13:00 *Lunch*

13:00 - 14:30 **Parallel Sessions**

**Session I. Policy, evidence, and implementation: regional and local perspectives**

Moderator: Asel Murzakulova

Azamat Azarov, Aline Rosset

*Merging Social-Ecological Research, Development Studies and Citizen Science in Central Asia*

Stefanos Xenarios, Sujata Manandhar, Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt

*Climate vulnerability and adaptive capacity of mountain societies in Central Asia*

Nazik Imanbekova

*Empowering Local Communities in the Kyrgyz Mining Sector: the Case of Talas*

**Session J. Migration, shocks, technology**

Moderator: [Damir Esenaliev](#)

Brian Holtemeyer, Katrina Kosec

*Migration Responses to Household Income Shocks*

Eugenia Chernina

*Household's Migration Decision as a Response to Natural Shocks*

Vanessa Ruget, Burul Usmanalieva

*Mobile Phone Use among Kyrgyzstani Migrants in Russia*

14:30 – 15:00 *Coffee Break*

15:00 - 16:00 **Parallel Sessions**

**Session K. Gender and Health**

Moderator: Kamalbek Karymshakov

Erkina Esenalieva

*Male Labour Migration and Health and Socio-Economic Well-Being of Women Left Behind: the Case of Kyrgyz Republic*

Katrina Kosec, Olga Shemyakina

*Land Reform and Child Health in Kyrgyzstan*

**Session L. Employment in Central Asia**

Moderator: [Saida Ismailakhunova](#)

Tilman Brück, Clotilde Mahe, Wim Naude

*Return Migration and Self-Employment Dynamics: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan*

Kamalbek Karymshakov, Burulcha Sulaimanova

*Education–Job Mismatch and Employment Outcomes of Youth in Kyrgyzstan*

16:00 – 16:30 **Closing Session**