

## Fourth Annual Life in Kyrgyzstan Conference 2018

**Organizers:** UCA, IGZ, ISDC  
**Location:** Park Hotel, 87 Orozbekov Str., Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic  
**Date:** October 17-18, 2018

### AGENDA

#### DAY 1: Wednesday, October 17, 2018

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

09:00 – 09:15 **Welcome Remarks**

Sohail Naqvi (University of Central Asia)

Tilman Brück (ISDC and IGZ)

Damir Esenaliev (SIPRI)

Moderator: Bohdan Krawchenko (UCA)

09:15 - 10:30 **Plenary Session 1. Keynote Speech by Prof. Kathryn Anderson**

*Education and Economic Development: Impact of Teachers, Protests, and Policy Reforms*

Moderator and Discussant: Bohdan Krawchenko

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

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

**Session 2 Social Cohesion in Kyrgyzstan: Lessons from the Research and Development Programming**

Moderator: Tilman Brück

Damir Esenaliev, Aida Bolotbekova, Gulzhan Asylbek kyzy, Kanat Tilekeyev, Anastasia Aladysheva, Tilman Brück, Roman Mogilevskii

*Does the Enhanced Implementation of a World Bank Community Driven Development Program Impact Social Cohesion in Kyrgyzstan?*

Damir Esenaliev, Aida Bolotbekova, Gulzhan Asylbek kyzy

*Social Cohesion Measurement in Kyrgyzstan: Methodological Study on Stability of Indicators and Determinants Across Time and Geography*

Rakhat Ismanbaeva

*Social Cohesion Project in Kyrgyzstan: Lessons from Implementation and Monitoring*

**Session 3 Distributional Effects of Energy Policies in Kyrgyzstan**

Moderator: Irina Lukashova

Aline Meysonnat, Gabriele Gilmozzi, Franziska Gassmann

*Household Electricity Demand in the Kyrgyz Republic*

Kubanychbek Zhaparov, Mahabat Baimyrzaeva  
*Historical Analysis of the Energy Sector in Kyrgyzstan and the Causes of the Current Energy Crisis*

Saida Ismailakhunova, Franziska Gassmann, Aline Meysonnat  
*Who will be Safer from Energy Tariffs Increase? Distributional Analyses of the Energy Reform in the Kyrgyz Republic*

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**

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

**Session 4 Social and Economic Effects of Migration and Remittances**

Moderator: Kathryn Anderson

Gulnaz Atabaeva

*Do Workers' Remittances Promote Economic Growth in Kyrgyzstan?*

Hector Solaz, David Doyle

*Remittances and Corruption*

Hector Solaz, David Doyle

*The Dynamics of Remittances and Political Participation in Central Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia*

**Session 5 Supporting Livelihoods through Social Protection and Agriculture: Session by FAO**

Moderator: Dorjee Kinlay

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*Introduction: Rationale for FAO's Engagement in Social Protection in the Kyrgyz Republic*

Ana Ocampo, Karina Levina

*"Productive Social Contract / Cash Plus" Pilot: Rationale, Approach and Components*

Mari Kangasniemi

*"Cash Plus" Pilot: Results from Microsimulations*

15:00-15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 - 16:30 **Parallel Short Sessions**

**Session 6 Social Norms, Welfare and Education in Kyrgyzstan**

Moderator: Kamalbek Karymshakov

Kadyrbek Sultakeev, Susan Steiner, Dorothee Buhler

*Social Spending and Status Seeking among Poor People: Evidence from Panel Data for Kyrgyzstan*

Dana Bazarkulova, Janice Compton

*Marriage Traditions and Investment in Education: The Case of Bride Kidnapping*

**Session 7 Trade and Exchange Rate Policies in Kyrgyzstan**

Moderator: Asel Kyrgyzbaeva

Zalina Enikeeva  
*Non-Tariff Measures: the Case of the Kyrgyz Republic*

Tchoro Seyitov  
*Activities of Licensed Exchange Bureaus in Bishkek*

16:40 - 17:40 **Parallel Short Sessions**

**Session 8 Local Development in Kyrgyzstan**

Moderator: Damir Esenaliev

Sovetbek Zikirov  
*Decentralization Processes at Mady Ayil Okmotu since 2000: Facts and Practices*

Asel Murzakulova, Gulbara Omorova  
*Contextual Factors of the Conflict for Natural Resources in Batken Province Kyrgyzstan*

**Session 9 Micro-level Effects of Climate Change**

Moderator: Rahat Sabyrbekov

Igor Hadjamberdiev, Rustam Tukhvatsin  
*Obsolete Tailings, Obsolete Pesticides, Obsolete Gasoline and Human Health Disorders*

Maksim Kulikov  
*Climate Change and Vegetation Response: Looking for Vulnerable and Resilient Areas in Kyrgyzstan*

18:00 – 21:00 **Reception at Park Hotel**

**Day 2: Thursday, October 18, 2018**

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

09:00 - 10:30 **Parallel Sessions**

**Session 10 Child Health and Human Capital in Kyrgyzstan**

Moderator: Nurgul Ukueva

Nazgul Abazbekova  
*Food for Education: Lessons from the Decade of Mercy Corp Interventions in Kyrgyzstan*

Irina Lukashova, Nikolai Mokrousov, Shamil Abdykadyrov  
*Quantitative Assessment of the Impact of Child Nutrition on the Results of the Nation-wide Test in the Kyrgyz Republic*

Anastasia Aladysheva, Tilman Brück  
*Weather Shocks and Child Health: Evidence from the Life in Kyrgyzstan Study*

**Session 11 Distributional Effects of Macroeconomic Policies and Shocks**

Moderator: Lilia Kadyrberdieva

Marzhan Aikimbaeva, Roman Mogilevskii  
*Group Specific Inflation Rates in Kyrgyz Republic*

Aigerim Kydyralieva  
*The Impact of Shocks and Uncertainty of Income on the Saving Behavior:  
case of Kyrgyzstan*

Saida Ismailakhunova, Aliya Ismailakhunova  
*Who Benefits from the Fiscal System in the Kyrgyz Republic: Distributional  
Analyses of the Fiscal System?*

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee break**

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

**Session 12 Donor-Driven Research: Challenges and Impact**

Moderator: Philipp Schröder

Meghan McCormack  
*Speech 1*

Tilman Brück  
*Speech 2*

TBI  
*Speech 3*

**Session 13 Employment in Kyrgyzstan**

Moderator: Alisher Aldashev

Riyang Phang, Bella Kasymova  
*Influence of Work Autonomy and Meaningfulness on Job Satisfaction in  
Kyrgyzstan: A Study on the Moderating Effect of Supervisor-Subordinate*

Kamalbek Karymshakov, Burulcha Sulaimanova  
*Migration Impact on Left-Behind Women's Labour Supply and Time-Use in  
Kyrgyzstan*

Natalia Brovko  
*Influence of Digital Transformation of EAEU on the Change and  
Development of Competences of Specialists of the Financial Market*

12:30-13:30 *Lunch*

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

**Session 14 Economic Policies for Technological Development in  
Central Asia**

Moderator: Roman Mogilevskii

Madina Junussova  
*The Role of Women in Economic Development of Afghanistan*

Roman Mogilevskii  
*Fiscal Policies for Technological Development in Central Asia*

Kanat Tilekeyev  
*Agricultural Policies in Central Asia*

**Session 15 Health Outcomes vis-a-vis Policies, Social Norms, and Time Use in Kyrgyzstan**

Moderator: Saida Ismailakhunova

Damira Seksenbaeva, Klaus Hornetz, Jean-Olivier Schmidt, Lara Prins  
*The Impact of Social Determinants on Maternal Health Outcomes in Kyrgyzstan*

Klaus J. Hornetz

*Learning from the Neighbor? Values, Ideologies and Political Economy of Health Care in China and Why Knowing Them might Matter for Health System Development and Universal Health Coverage in Kyrgyzstan.*

Kadyrbek Sultakeev, Pavel Jelnov

*Sleep Time and Its Relationship to Clock: Evidence from Panel Data for Kyrgyzstan*

15:00 – 15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 - 16:30 **Parallel Sessions**

**Session 16 Data Infrastructure in Central Asia**

Moderator: Anastasia Valeeva

Nursultan Zhamgyrchiev

*Central Asia Barometer*

Damir Esenaliev

*Life in Kyrgyzstan 2016 data: Changes and New Modules*

**Session 17 Recent Developments in Agriculture in Kyrgyzstan**

Moderator: Kanat Tilekeyev

Hanna Freudenreich

*Agricultural Production as a Coping Strategy: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan*

Sovetbek Zikirov

*State Owned Seed Producer Cooperatives: Working Toward Available, Affordable and Appropriate Local Seed*

16:30 – 16:40 **Closing Session**