



The Seventh Annual Life in Kyrgyzstan Conference 2021

- Organizers:** University of Central Asia, Kyrgyz Republic
The Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops, Germany
International Security and Development Center, Germany
- Partners:** American University Central Asia, Mercy Corps Kyrgyzstan, World Bank, and United Nations Population Fund
- Venue:** online
- Date:** October 26-28, 2021

PROGRAM

DAY 1: Tuesday, October 26, 2021

14:00 – 14:15 **Opening Remarks**

Bishkek time

Bohdan Krawchenko, Dean of Graduate School of Development, UCA

Azamat Baialinov, Head of Agency, UNFPA

Saida Ismailakhunova, Senior Economist, World Bank

Uma Kandalaeva, Country Director, Mercy Corps

Nurgul Ukueva, Vice-President, AUCA

Tilman Brück, Group leader/ Director / Professor, IGZ / ISDC / NRI

14:15 - 15:30 **PLENARY SESSION**

UNFPA Session 1.1: Demographic Policies

Moderators: **Bakytbek Kainazarov**, **Azamat Baialinov** (UNFPA)

Choro Seitov (NBKR), **Ainura Umetova** (President's office of KR), Mikhail Denissenko (HSE)

The concept of demographic policy: demographic challenges of the Kyrgyz Republic

Choro Seitov (NBKR), **Zulfiya Kochorbaeva** (Agency of Social Technologies), **Samat Toktobolotov** (UNFPA)

The concept of migration policy of the Kyrgyz Republic until 2030

Mirlan Parhanov, **Bakytbek Kainazarov** (UNFPA)

Concept of Youth Policy for 2020-2030

16:00 - 17:30 **Parallel Sessions**

SESSION 1.2: Demographic Developments: Insights from Research

Moderators: **Bakytbek Kainazarov** (UNFPA), **Choro Seitov** (NBKR)

Jyldyz Kuvatova (UNFPA), **Choro Seitov** (NBKR)

Impact of megatrends on reproductive rights through the lens of family planning

Vladimir Kozlov (HSE), **Konstantin Kazenin** (RANEPa)

What factors support the early age patterns of fertility in a developing country: the case of Kyrgyzstan.

Vladimir Kozlov (HSE), Konstantin Kazenin (RANEPa)

Son preferences in Central Asia: possible factors and cohort differences

SESSION 1.3 Climate Change: Technologies and Modelling

Moderator: **Maksim Kulikov** (UCA)

Nick Walker (eOsphere), Nagima Alimbekova (Mercy Corps, APIU (Pasture Department)), Batbuyan Batjav (Centre for Nomadic Pastoralism Studies), Filippo Contenta (eOsphere), Dominic Flach (eOsphere), Uma Kandalaeva (Мерсико), Jack Lidgley (eOsphere), Nazira Navatova (Mercy Corps), Ash Stott (eOsphere), Caroline Upton (University of Leicester)

Building Resilience: Kyrgyz herding communities, environmental change and satellite Earth observation

Erkin Isaev (MSRI, UCA)

Drought detection and modeling in Kyrgyzstan

SESSION 1.4 Local Development

Moderator: **Kadyrbek Sultakeev** (Justus Liebig University Giessen)

Aida Musaeva (University of Pécs)

Korean Saemaul Undong as a model for local economic development for the Kyrgyz Republic

Mohamed Abouelhassan Ali (University of Pécs / Cairo University)

Smart city approach for sustainable urban development in Less-developed countries: Egypt case

Diydor Berdiklichev (OSCE Academy)

Economic impact of the Sardoba dam failure on Syrdarya region: a mixed methods assessment

18:00-19:00 PLENARY SESSION

Keynote Speech by **Olga Shemyakina** (Georgia Institute of Technology)

War, Conflict and Food Security

Moderator: **Tilman Brück** (IGZ, ISDC, NRI)

Day 2: Wednesday, 27 October 2021

14:00 - 15:30 Parallel Sessions

SESSION 2.1: Impact of Covid-19 on Rural Areas in Central Asia

Moderators: **Susan Kaaria** (FAO), **Roman Mogilevskii** (UCA)

Madina Junussova (UCA)

Key study findings

Erdgin Mane, Firas Yassin (FAO)

Presentation of the FIES methodology & the results of the food security analysis and gender gap by the FAO team

Mari Kangasniemi (FAO)

Findings from rapid assessment and microsimulation of impacts of Cash+ pilot study in Kyrgyzstan and Armenia

Gulnora Mukhamadieva (AKF)

Findings from rapid gender assessment on the impact of covid 19 on women and girls in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan

SESSION 2.2: Gender and Intra-household Relations

Moderator: **Akylai Muktarbek kyzy (AUCA)**

Nurgul Tilenbaeva (IHEID)

From one's cradle to another's grave: death and children's nutritional status

Ilias Suvanov, Nurgul Ukueva (AUCA)

Elders left behind and migration in Kyrgyzstan

Jonbegim Mukhtor, Anwar Naseem (UCA)

Intimate partner violence in relation to women's socioeconomic factors In Tajikistan

SESSION 2.3: Tourism and Health in Pamir

Moderator: **Bernard Musyck (UCA)**

Bernard Musyck, Khursheda Safarmamadova, Zaher Shah Sayedi, Christopher Hannum (UCA)

Revenue determinants per available room in the Pamir region

Bernard Musyck, Aidai Maksatbekova (UCA)

Beyond the "Pamir highway": new challenges in mountain tourism in the Pamir region, Tajikistan

Shifo Kurbonbekova (Institute of Botany, Plant physiology and Genetics)

Ethnomedicine in the Pamirs: Therapeutic Agent for bone diseases

16:00 - 17:30 **Parallel Sessions**

SESSION 2.4: Advances in Data and Indicators

Moderator: **Nurgul Ukueva (AUCA)**

Rahat Sabyrbekov (OSCE), Choro Seyitov (NBKR), Galina Samohleb (NSC)

Report on National Transfer Accounts

Damir Esenaliev (IGZ, ISDC), Ilias Suvanov (AUCA), Nurgul Ukueva (AUCA)

Survey of micro-data sources in Central Asia

Kasiet Ysmanova, Meerim Egem (Central Asia Barometer)

Corruption within the Kyrgyz Republic Procurement System

SESSION 2.5: Employment and Entrepreneurship

Moderator: **Eliza Mandieva (Bamberg University)**

Peter Alexander Howie, Zauresh Atakhanova (Nazarbayev University)

Empirical analysis of inequality, informality and resource booms

Atefa Bahr (OSCE Academy)

Determinants of gender gap in the labor force of Afghanistan

Evelyn Calispa Aguilar (University of Pécs)

Systemic approaches for measuring national and regional entrepreneurship: the case of the Global Entrepreneurship Index and the Regional Entrepreneurship and Development Index.

SESSION 2.6: Culture and Arts in modern Kyrgyzstan

Moderator: **Alexandra Filatova** (Perspektiva Analytical Consortium)

Bermet Borubaeva (Bishkek School of Contemporary Art)

Spreading of the cinema and network of movie theaters in Talas region in 50-s and contemporary perspective of developing art and culture.

Diana Ukhina (School of Artistic Research Methodology)

Art as a co-production of knowledge and feelings

Oksana Kapishnikova (Bishkek School of Contemporary Art)

The experience of self-organization of museums in Talas region

Aleksandra Filatova (Perspektiva Analytical Consortium), **Victoria Yurtaeva** (Soros Foundation -Kyrgyzstan)

Communications in culture: challenge or opportunity.

18:00-19:00 **PLENARY SESSION**

Keynote Speech by **Zulfiqar Bhutta** (Centre for Global Child Health, Canada and Aga Khan University, Pakistan)

Newborn Health and Determinants in Kyrgyzstan: What Can Be Done?

Moderator: **Bohdan Krawchenko** (UCA)

Day 3: Thursday, 28 October 2021

14:00-15:45 **Parallel Sessions**

Session 3.1: Food Security and Food Systems

Moderator: **Tilman Bruck** (IGZ, IDSC, NRI)

Tilman Brück, **Oscar Diaz**, Damir Esenaliev, Philipp Schröder, Wolfgang Stojetz (ISDC)

Food for Education and Child Nutrition in Kyrgyzstan

Damir Esenaliev (IGZ, ISDC), Bernadette Morris (ISDC), Tilman Brück (IGZ, ISDC, NRI)

Food Insecurity in Kyrgyzstan before Covid-19: Evidence from the Large Individual Survey

Gulnara Djunushalieva (UCA)

Technologies in the food industry of the Kyrgyz Republic

SESSION 3.2: Social Effects of Migration and Remittances

Moderator: **Nurgul Tilenbaeva** (IHEID)

Aleksandra Filatova (Perspektiva Analytical Consortium)

Transnational functions of Kyrgyz communities in Moscow

Rémi Viné (IHEID)

Tajikistan, Remittances, Expenditures & the Family Left-behind

Safdar Jan (UCA)

The Impact of Remittances on Household Decisions to Engage in Tertiary Level Education: Evidence from Kyrgyzstan

SESSION 3.3: Poverty and Inequality

Moderator: **Saida Ismailakhunova** (World Bank)

Franziska Gassmann (Maastricht University), Eszter Timar (UNICEF)

Perceived position on the social ladder and redistributive preferences: a survey experiment from the Kyrgyz Republic

Dana Sailaukhanova (OSCE Academy)

Understanding the relationship between education and poverty risk from a gender perspective: case of Kazakhstan.

Kedar Mehta, Mathias Ehrenwirth¹, Christoph Trinkl, Wilfried Zörner (Institute of New Energy Systems), Rick Greenough (Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development, De Montfort University)

Rural Livelihoods and Energy Vulnerability: A Derivation of Driving Factors for Household Energy Consumption Pattern and Sustainable Energy Transition

16:00-17:00

Parallel Sessions

SESSION 3.4: Agriculture and Climate Change

Moderator: **Kanat Tilekeyev** (UCA)

Azamat Azarov (Czech University of Life Sciences, UCA), Dietrich Darr (Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences), Zbynek Polesny, Vladimir Verner (Czech University of Life Sciences,), Roy C. Sidle (UCA)

Typological characterization of livestock-based farming systems to determine sustainable development pathways in Kyrgyzstan

Kadyrbek Sultakeev (Justus Liebig University Giessen), Martin Petrick (Justus Liebig University Giessen)

Extreme Weather and Coping Strategies: Is Livestock a Buffer Stock in Rural Kyrgyzstan?

SESSION 3.5: Taxes and Trade

Moderator: **Kamalbek Karymshakov** (CAREC Institute)

Roman Mogilevskii (UCA)

Is Eurasian Economic Union a Customs Union?

Razia Abdieva (Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University)

Tax Morale in Kyrgyzstan