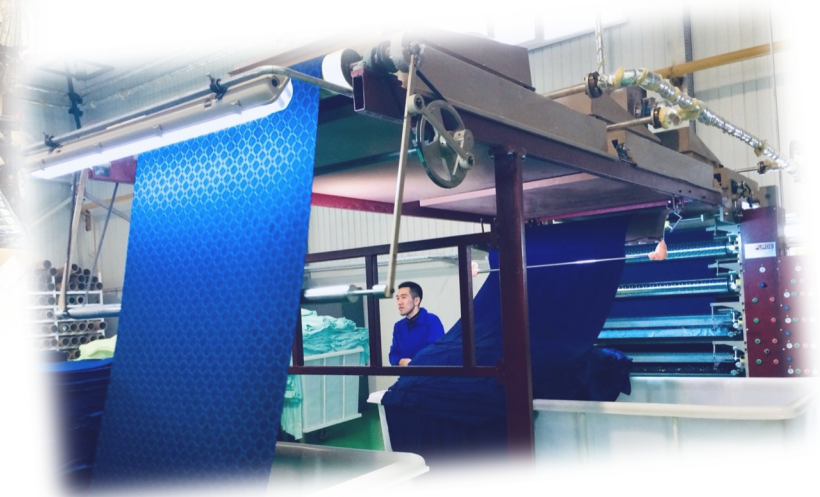


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# TRANSLOCALITY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MIDDLE CLASS ACROSS EURASIA

KYRGYZSTAN'S 'FIRST CAPITALISTS' SINCE THE  
LATE SOVIET ERA

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## 5 Contributions

### **1) Presents ethnographic data on 3 generations of Kyrgyz entrepreneurs in 3 sites:**

‘bazaar pioneers’ in Novosibirsk, post-2000 middlemen in Guangzhou, ‘new entrepreneurs’ in Kyrgyzstan ~2015

### **2) Refines ‘translocality’ as a concept to study mobility & (economic) emplacement:**

value chains & ‘commercial journeys’ transgressing political borders & sociocultural boundaries (ethnicity, gender)

### **3) Identifies 3 trends associated with regional economic integration:**

- 3.1 ‘return of manufacturing’ & ‘servicification’: formalization, diversification, professionalization of value chains
- 3.2 public-private rapprochement & establishment of ‘business (lobby) community’
- 3.3 emergence of entrepreneurial middle class, including ‘Kyrgyzness’ in business-making