

Submission Guidelines

The Life in Kyrgyzstan Conference 2026

Bishkek, October 07-08, 2026

We invite submissions of proposals for entire sessions (comprising three to four papers) as well as individual research papers examining various aspects of socio-economic development in Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia. All submissions should be in English.

For session proposals, please provide:

- the session title and a 200-word summary,
- the name and affiliation of the session chair,
- the name and affiliation of the session organizer, and
- the names and affiliations all co-authors of each paper.

For individual paper submissions, we prefer and will give priority to full papers, but we will also consider extended abstracts of up to 200 words.

We particularly welcome empirical studies using panel microdata, especially data from the *Life in Kyrgyzstan Study*. We also encourage submissions of other micro- and macroeconomic research relevant to the conference themes. Doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers are especially encouraged to participate and use the conference as an opportunity to receive feedback from senior researchers and practitioners.

The topics of individual submissions or sessions may include but are not limited to:

- Labour markets, employment, entrepreneurship, and informality.
- Migration, remittances, and population dynamics.
- Poverty, inequality, and social protection.
- Education, health, nutrition, and food security.
- Gender, children, and intra-household decision-making.
- Rural livelihoods, agriculture, and agricultural markets.
- Trade, regional integration, and the impacts of economic reforms.
- Public services, decentralization, and governance.
- Social capital, social cohesion, peacebuilding, trust, and expectations.
- Climate change, sustainable development, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 and the war in Ukraine on Central Asia.
- Micro-level data, survey methodology, panel data collection, and rigorous impact evaluation methods.