

PROGRAMME

Friday 18.9.2009

08:00-09:00 Registration, Marina Congress Center, 2nd floor

09:00-10:30 **OPENING PLENARY: NORDIA, 2nd floor, CHAIR: Gérard Roland**

Words of welcome by Finn Tarp, UNU-WIDER Director

Opening statement (by video) by President Václav Havel

Keynote: János Kornai

Innovation and dynamism: interaction between systems and technical progress

10:30-11:00 coffee (UNU-WIDER premises, 3rd floor)

11:00-12:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 1: NORDIA, 2nd floor, CHAIR: Mark Schaffer**

Elizabeth Brainerd

The demographic transformation of post-socialist countries: causes, consequences, and questions

Chenggang Xu

The institutional foundations of China's reforms and development

12:30-13:30 lunch at *Wanha Satama Restaurant*, Pikku Satamakatu 3-5, 00160 Helsinki

13:30-15:00 **PARALLEL SESSION 2: NORDIA, 2nd floor, CHAIR: Jan Svejnar**

Grzegorz W. Kolodko

The Great Transformation 1989-2029. Could it have been better? Will it be better?

Vladimir Popov

The long road to normalcy: where Russia now stands

15:00-15:30 coffee (UNU-WIDER premises, 3rd floor)

15:30-17:45 **PARALLEL SESSION 3.1: NORDIA, 2nd floor, CHAIR: Daniel Treisman**

Zuzana Brixiova

Business environment, start-ups, and productivity during transition

Linda Tesar

The Finnish Great Depression: from Russia with love

Jan Svejnar

Effects of privatization and ownership in transition economies

PARALLEL SESSION 3.2: BALTICA, 2nd floor, CHAIR: Grzegorz W. Kolodko

Gur Ofer

Twenty years later: the socialist heritage is still kicking: the case of Russia

Richard Pomfret

Central Asia after two decades of independence

Milica Uvalic

Transition in southeast Europe: understanding economic development and institutional change

18:30-20:30 dinner reception, by invitation, at UNU-WIDER premises (3rd floor)

Saturday 19.9.2009

09:00-10:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 4: NORDIA, 2nd floor,** **CHAIR: Pekka Sutela**

D. Mario Nuti

The impact of the global crisis on transition economies

Erik Berglöf

European transition at twenty: assessing progress in countries and sectors

10:30-11:00 *coffee (UNU-WIDER premises, 3rd floor)*

11:00-13:00 **PANEL SESSION: NORDIA, 2nd floor,** **CHAIR: Erik Berglöf**

Panellists: Gérard Roland, Daniel Treisman, Charles Maier, and Ivan Szelény

13:00-14:00 lunch at *MCC Restaurant, 2nd floor*

14:00-15:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 5: NORDIA, 2nd floor,** **CHAIR: Elizabeth Brainerd**

Branko Milanovic

Reform and inequality during the transition: an analysis using panel household survey data

Katharina Pistor

Into the void: governing finance in Central and Eastern Europe

15:30-16:00 *coffee (UNU-WIDER premises, 3rd floor)*

16:00-17:30 **PARALLEL SESSION 6.1: NORDIA, 2nd floor** **CHAIR: Gur Ofer**

Leonid Polishchuk

Misuse of institutions: lessons from transition

Giovanni Andrea Cornia

Transition, structural divergence, and performance: EE-FSU over 2000-2007

PARALLEL SESSION 6.2: BALTICA, 2nd floor **CHAIR: Vladimir Popov**

Sanjay Jain

Public opinion and the dynamics of reform

Jan Fidrmuc

Civil society, institutional change and the politics of reform: The Great Transition

19:00 end-of-conference dinner, by invitation, at
Restaurant Pörssi, Fabianinkatu 14, 00100 Helsinki
(we'll gather outside the hotel at 18:45, then walk to the restaurant)