UNU-WIDER Conference: *Reflections on Transition: Twenty Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall* Marina Congress Center, Helsinki, 18-19 September 2009



PROGRAMME

Friday 18.9.2009							
08:00-09:00	Registration, Marina Congress Center, 2 nd floor						
09:00-10:30	OPENING PLENARY: NORDIA, 2 nd 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, 3 rd floor)						
11:00-12:30	PARALLEL SESSION 1: NORDIA, 2 nd floor,	CHAIR: Mark Schaffer					
	Elizabeth Brainerd The demographic transformation of post-socialist countries: causes, consequences, and questions						
	henggang Xu he institutional foundations of China's reforms and development						
12:30-13:30	lunch at <i>Wanha Satama Restaurant</i> , Pikku Satamakatu 3-5, 00160 Helsinki						
13:30-15:00	PARALLEL SESSION 2: NORDIA, 2 nd 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, 3 rd floor)						
15:30-17:45	PARALLEL SESSION 3.1: NORDIA, 2 nd floor, Zuzana Brixiova Business environment, start-ups, and productivity of	CHAIR: Daniel Treisman during transition	PARALLEL SESSION 3.2: BALTICA, 2 nd floor, Gur Ofer Twenty years later: the socialist heritage is still kickin	CHAIR: Grzegorz W. Kolodko ng: the case of Russia			
	Linda Tesar The Finnish Great Depression: from Russia with love		Richard Pomfret Central Asia after two decades of independence				
	Jan Svejnar Effects of privatization and ownership in transition economies		Milica Uvalic Transition in southeast Europe: understanding economic development and institutional change				
18:30-20:30	dinner reception, by invitation, at UNU-WIDER premises (3 rd floor)						

Saturday 19.9.2009						
09:00-10:30	PARALLEL SESSION 4: NORDIA, 2 nd floor, D. Mario Nuti The impact of the global crisis on transition econ	CHAIR: Pekka Sutela				
	Erik Berglöf European transition at twenty: assessing progre	ss in countries and sectors				
10:30-11:00	coffee (UNU-WIDER premises, 3 rd floor)					
11:00-13:00	PANEL SESSION: NORDIA, 2 nd floor,	CHAIR: Erik Berglöf				
	Panellists: Gérard Roland, Daniel Treisman, Charles Maier, and Ivan Szelény					
13:00-14:00	lunch at MCC Restaurant, 2 nd floor					
14:00-15:30	PARALLEL SESSION 5: NORDIA, 2 nd 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, 3 rd floor)					
16:00-17:30	PARALLEL SESSION 6.1: NORDIA, 2 nd floor Leonid Polishchuk Misuse of institutions: lessons from transition	CHAIR: Gur Ofer	PARALLEL SESSION 6.2: BALTICA, 2 nd floor Sanjay Jain Public opinion and the dynamics of reform	CHAIR: Vladimir Popov		
	Giovanni Andrea Cornia Transition, structural divergence, and performance: EE-FSU ov		Jan Fidrmuc Civil society, institutional change and the politics of	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)