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## REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

**Title of Session:** Relating Out-migration from South Caucasus to the Russian Federation: Conceptual Approaches and Empirical Findings

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**Comments:** Paper presenters will be the members of the research team

**Session Abstract (up to 250 words):** Large groups from Armenian and Georgian societies used the freedom of movement after 1990 for international migration on temporary or permanent basis. The major destination of this migration was the Russian Federation and particularly Moscow. What was the interplay of push and pull factors influencing decisions and actions in this process? What are its consequences now and in the foreseeable future? Answers to these questions are sought for in extended field studies in Armenia, Georgia and in Moscow in the framework of a research project supported by the Volkswagen Foundation. The guiding idea of the studies concerns the links between national labour markets in the global movement of labour force. The comparison on the side of the out-migration societies provides the evidence for substantial economic, political and cultural local specifics. The study on the spot in the receiving country reveals controversial effects of immigration. The explanatory scheme focusses on the links between structural opportunities and constraints of international migration, on the one side, and on the gains and losses for the involved parties, on the other.

### General information

During each afternoon of the congress, there will be room for a large number of parallel regular sessions. Each session is 90 minutes long and consists of an oral presentation of 4 to 6 papers. Session conveners are expected to administer and chair their session at the 2009 IIS World Congress.

Starting in mid-December, calls for papers to participate in approved sessions will be posted on the website. Interested participants will contact the session convener (you) directly with an abstract no later than February 28, 2009. The session convener should take in all submissions and select the best 4 to 6 papers to be presented and forward this information, including e-mail addresses of accepted authors, to the IIS Secretariat no later than March 15, 2009.