

The role of historical events in people's personal and collective well-being:

A comparative research between Kyrgyzstan and Québec

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This research aims to assess the psychological consequences of dramatic social change in contexts of both stability (Québec) and instability (Kyrgyzstan). The social and scholarly outcomes of our research will revolve around this goal, and in doing so, the program will primarily benefit the Kyrgyz people in general, and more specifically the students with whom we will work, as well as the academic community.

In the present program, we plan to conduct two studies. Our research experiences and collaboration over the past 7 years have taught us the significance of the important benefits of conducting work within an international collaboration setting.

We will conduct two studies, which will use both qualitative methods with cultural narratives of Kyrgyz people (Study 1 narrative, qualitative study in Kyrgyzstan), and novel and well-acclaimed 'experimental field procedures,' which take into account the individuals' historical contexts while assuring a control on possible confounds.

Based on the results of social research, we aim to develop Relative Deprivation Theory in relation to the psychological consequences of social change. We will publish the findings and manuscripts of the current program in prestigious psychology and sociology journals. By conducting experimental research in Kyrgyzstan as well as in Québec, the current program can contribute to solid theoretical developments, which may be used by the academic community for further investigation of groups undergoing social change.