



Wellbeing and its various measurements

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SPS Spring term workshop

April 21 (all day) and 22 (morning), 2010, Seminar Room 3

Over the last decades the study of happiness and satisfaction with the quality of life has become a flourishing field in social sciences. The analysis of subjective wellbeing has offered new perspectives to address classic research problems. Happiness and life satisfaction have, thus been used as convenient indicator of the concepts of utility in economics, societal progress in macro comparative studies and life chances in social stratification research. This workshop concentrates on key issues in the measurement of subjective wellbeing and it is organized in three sections. In the first section researchers will make presentations based on a distributed list of selected readings. The last two sections will start with a lecture from a keynote speaker followed by other presentations and general discussion. The keynote of the second section is Dr. Ruud Luijckx who is the Secretary of the Methodology Group that takes care of the quality and comparability of the European Value Study. The keynote of the third section is Dr. Heinz-Herbert Noll who is the elected president of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies and Head of Social Indicators Research Centre at the Gesis-Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences.

21 April 2010, 10:00-12.30

Researcher's presentations

21 April 2010, 13:45-16.45

Dr. Ruud Luijckx (Tilburg University): *Making questions on the quality of life. Insights from the European Value Study*

Maja Rynko (PH.D. candidate ECO, EUI) *Econometrics of well-being: its measurement and correlates*

22 April 2010, 10:00-12.30

Dr. Heinz-Herbert Noll (GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences): *Measuring and Monitoring the Quality of Life*

22 April 2010, 14:00 -16.00

Concluding remarks and open discussion

First or second year SPS researchers who participate in this Workshop can claim the 10-hour workshop credits. In order to qualify for credits researchers should make a presentation during the first section of the workshop.

Please register with: Monika.Rzemieniecka@eui.eu by April, 14.

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