

Workshop on Well-Being over the Life Course

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Over the last decade significant progress has been made in the measurement of people's well-being, however, for these measures to have a significant impact on the design and development of specific policies, we must go beyond simply measuring well-being outcomes. It is important to know, not just the current level and distribution of well-being, but also what drives well-being, and whether the same causal mechanisms apply at different stages of the life course. Subjective well-being is a key area where better information on causality is needed.

This workshop on modelling the causes of subjective well-being over the life course of individuals will bring together a range of researchers estimating models of the life course determinants of current subjective well-being based on longitudinal data for a number of countries. The objective of the workshop is to present some initial findings from current research in this area and help define the agenda for the future.

Programme

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| 8.45 | Welcome coffee |
| 9.15 – 9.30 | Introduction by Marco Mira D'Ercole (OECD) |
| 9.30 – 10.30 | <i>"Models of Well-Being"</i> , Richard Layard (LSE) |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | Coffee break |
| 10.45 – 11.45 | <i>"Early-life experiences and Young Adult Outcomes"</i> , George Ward (LSE) |
| 11.45 – 12.45 | <i>"Well-being and register data"</i> , Niels Ploug (Statistics Denmark) and Kjell Salvanes (Norwegian School of Economics) |
| 12.45 – 14.00 | Lunch at the OECD cafeteria |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | <i>"How much do childhood experiences influence mid-life subjective well-being in New Zealand?"</i> , Simon Chapple (Otago) |
| 15.00 – 15.15 | Coffee break |
| 15.15 – 16.15 | <i>"Victimisation, Wellbeing and estimation of the cost of violent crime using panel data"</i> , Michael Shields (Monash University) |
| 16.15 – 17.15 | <i>"Perspectives for the analysis of cohort data in Psychology"</i> , Rich Lucas (Michigan State University) |
| 17.15 – 17.30 | Future directions by Andrew Clark (PSE and LSE) and Conal Smith (OECD) |
| 17.30 – 18.30 | Cocktail |