

Wellbeing and Subjectivity, Regent's Park College, Oxford, 8th-9th January 2014

Programme

Wednesday 8th January

2.00-2.15 **Registration**

2.15-2.45 **Welcome:** Sarah White, *Wellbeing and Poverty Pathways, University of Bath.*

2.45-3.45 **Wellbeing and Poverty Pathways**

Chair: James Copestake, University of Bath

Stanley Gaines Jr., *Wellbeing and Poverty Pathways, Brunel University*; **Antonia Fernandez**, University of Reading, **Andrea Baertl-Helguero**, University of Bath
'Economic status, Inner Wellbeing and Happiness.'

Sarah White, *Wellbeing and Poverty Pathways, University of Bath*

'Safaris, Soya or Subsistence? The Politics of Wellbeing, Conservation and Development in Chiawa, Zambia.'

3.45-4.15 Tea

4.15-5.00 **'Wellbeing and Global Poverty: Of Wicked Problems and Messy Concepts.'**

David Hulme, *Institute for Development Policy and Management; Brooks World Poverty Institute; University of Manchester*

5.00-5.10 Break

5.10.-7.10 **Wellbeing Measures in National and International Policy**

Chair: Katherine Trebeck, Oxfam

China Mills, *Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative, University of Oxford.*
'Social isolation, shame and humiliation as missing dimensions of poverty analysis.'

Pamela Abbott, *Centre for Gender Studies, University of Aberdeen*

'Building Wellbeing in a Post-conflict Society: Rwanda.'

Solène Dengler, *Legatum Institute*

'Insight on Africa.'

6.00-6.30 Small group discussion

6.30-7.10 Feedback from groups (plenary)

Issues for Discussion:

1. Is it possible to demonstrate connections between subjective measures and national (or international) level policies?
2. What is achieved by using national wellbeing measures to rank countries against one another – what about inequalities within countries?
3. Is it useful to aggregate different domains of wellbeing (or scores across different kinds of measures) to produce a single index?
4. As wellbeing variables become less tangible do they also become more ideological? If so, is this a problem?

7.15 **Dinner**

Thursday 9th January

- 9.00 – 10.15 **Wellbeing, Power and Relatedness**
Chair: Sarah White, University of Bath
- Jo Rowlands, Oxfam**
'Wellbeing and real life: exploring politics, practice and perspective'
- Gina Crivello and Jo Boyden, Young Lives, University of Oxford**
'Intergenerational narratives of wellbeing and gender: Findings from *Young Lives*.'
- 10.15-10.45 Coffee
- 10.45-11.35 **Resilience, Capabilities and Wellbeing**
Chair: Shreya Jha, Wellbeing and Poverty Pathways, University of Bath
- Shweta Verma, Department of Social Work, Delhi University**
'Understanding Patterns of Resilience: Recognizing Multiple Pathways to Wellbeing.'
- Giulia Greco, London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**
'Assessing Women's Wellbeing in Rural Malawi: A Capabilities Index.'
- 11.40-12.30 **Power, Identity and Constructions of Wellbeing in Indigenous Communities**
Chair: Stanley Gaines, Wellbeing and Poverty Pathways, Brunel University
- Juan Loera-Gonzalez, Universidad Catolica de Chile**
'Wellbeing from an Indigenous Perspective: A Framework Proposal.'
- Iokiñe Rodriguez, Venezuelan Institute for Scientific Research (IVIC)**
'Community historical reconstruction and cultural identity building as a local pathway for sustainable development.'
- 12.30-1.15 Lunch
- 1.15-1.45 **Posters**
- 1.45-3.15. **Narratives and Wellbeing**
Chair: Emma Crewe, School of Oriental and African Studies
- Katy Gardner, Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics.**
'The Path to Happiness? Motion, Emotion and Transnational Migration in Britain & Sylhet.'
- Shreya Jha, Wellbeing and Poverty Pathways, University of Bath**
'Of Photographs and Papaya. Researching Wellbeing and Motifs of Gift Exchange.'
- Asha Abeyasekera, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo**
'Marriage, Wellbeing, and Contingent Narratives about the 'Self'.'
- 3.15-3.45 Tea
- 3.45-4.15 **Small Groups Discussion**
- 4.15-5.00 **Roundtable Review: What have we learned?**
Facilitator: Tina Wallace, Independent Consultant