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 of 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*