

Call for Papers

WITTGENSTEIN CENTRE CONFERENCE 2019 “Demographic Aspects of Human Wellbeing”

Vienna, 11-12 November 2019

The scientific literature addressing human wellbeing is rapidly expanding in economics, psychology, sociology, and the health sciences, and is also becoming increasingly important in interdisciplinary studies of sustainable development. A large number of wellbeing indicators have been proposed in order to quantitatively capture and monitor progress towards better human wellbeing and study its determinants. Many of these indicators have demographic components such as life expectancy or studies explicitly address age- and gender-specific differentials in economic standing, life satisfaction, health/disability or consider other demographic differentials.

Researchers at the Wittgenstein Centre are currently involved in several studies around economic and health aspects of human wellbeing and an ERC Advanced Grant on “The demography of sustainable human wellbeing”. In this context and with partial funding from this grant the conference wants to bring together researchers from around the world working on **different aspects of human wellbeing with a specifically demographic perspective**. The aim is to put demography more prominently on the table as a discipline that has much to contribute to the scientific study of human wellbeing, both in terms of its measurement and the analysis of its determinants. Next to this open call for papers and posters we are happy to announce as keynote speakers:

- Carol Jagger, Newcastle University Institute for Ageing (NUIA) and
- Richard E. Lucas, Michigan State University

A third keynote speaker shall be announced soon.

[Deadline for sending abstracts for contributed papers or posters is 1 June 2019.](#)

Examples of topics include:

- Life expectancy based indicators of wellbeing
- Wellbeing over the life course and over time
- Applying demographic metabolism model to forecast wellbeing along cohort lines
- Demographic differentials/inequalities in wellbeing
- What matters more for wellbeing: age or gender, education or income?
- Wellbeing and intergenerational support
- Feed-backs from environmental change to human wellbeing

Paper submissions

Submissions should include

- short abstract (200–400 words) and
- extended abstract (2–5 pages) or the full paper.

They should be submitted online at:

<https://www.oeaw.ac.at/en/vid/events/calendar/conferences/demographic-aspects-of-human-wellbeing/>

Please make sure your abstract includes the title, full name(s), affiliation and e-mail addresses of each author.

The authors of accepted papers will be informed by 30 June 2019.

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