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The Role of Social Indicators to Inform Public Policy"
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Session 1: Indicators and Their Use to Guide Policies in the Field of Health
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Presenters:

Krishna Mazumdar, Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, India,
bose_krishna1949@yahoo.co.in: *Achivements In Life Expectancy And Infant Survival Rate: Cross-Country Variations*

Lars Eric Kroll, Robert Koch-Institut, Berlin, Germany, Krolll@rki.de ; Thomas Lampert, Robert-Koch-Institut, Berlin, Germany, LampertT@rki.de ; Cornelia Lange, Robert-Koch-Institut, Berlin, Germany, LangeC@rki.de ; Thomas Ziese, Robert-Koch-Institut, Berlin, Germany, ZieseT@rki.de : *Healthy Life Expectancy as an indicator to compare the health of societies*

Liz Eckermann, Deakin University, Geelong, Australia, liz.eckermann@deakin.edu.au : *Critique of the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs): Is maternal mortality a sufficient indicator to guide international health policy for pregnancy and parity? A case study of Lao PDR*

Karen M. Jennison, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, USA, karen.jennison@unco.edu ; Kenneth A. Johnson, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, USA, kennjohn@comast.net : *Cross-National comparisons of episodic heavy binge drinking and smoking convergence in 25 European countries and the United States: Evidence of the cooccurrence of health risk behaviors from two national surveys*

Laura Corradi, Università della Calabria, Italy, laura.corradi@unical.it : *Privatization and Worsening of Health Systems: the Role of Class Variables and Socio-economic Status*

Cormac Forkan, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland, cormac.forkan@nuigalway.ie: *Tracking Child Outcomes in Youth and Family Support Projects in Ireland*

Session 2: The Role of Social Indicators for Community Level Policies
Chair: Ruut Veenhoven, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands,
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Presenters:

Jo Van Assche, Ghent University, Belgium, jo.vanassche@ugent.be ; Thomas Block, Ghent University, Belgium, thomas.block@ugent.be ; Filip De Rynck, Technical University Ghent, Belgium, filip.derynck@hogent.be; Herwig Reynaert, Ghent University, Belgium, herwig.reynaert@ugent.be : *Are things getting better or worse in Flemish cities? The case of the Flemish city monitor*

Manfred Garhammer, Georg-Simon-Ohm-Hochschule, Nuremberg, Germany, Manfred.Garhammer@ohm-hochschule.de: *The role of social indicators systems to monitor integrated urban development policies*

Valerie Møller, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, V.Moller@ru.ac.za : *Monitoring Perceptions of Social Progress and Pride of Place in a South African Community*

Changcheng Zhou, Wuhan University, China, cczhou2001@yahoo.com: *Surveying Quality of Life in Chinese Cities*

Fabrizio D'Ovidio, University of Teramo, Italy, fdovidio@libero.it: *Social Indicators in Local Development: "conciliation family-work" issue in Italy*

Christopher L. Fulcher, University of Missouri, Columbia, FulcherC@missouri.edu ; Joyce Essien, Emory University, USA ; jessien@sph.emory.edu ; Jeff Etchason, Penn State College of Medicine, USA , Jeff.Etchason@lvh.com, Roxanne Medina-Solomon, Trident United Way, Charleston, South Carolina, USA, RSolomon@tuw.org : *Deliberation Technology and Community Issues Management: A Global Framework for Visualizing and Analyzing the Impact of Place-based Public Policy*

Session 3: Comparative Social Indicators for Public Policies – Europe

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Presenters:

Daniel Oberski, ESADE, Barcelona, Spain, daniel.oberski@gmail.com ; Willem E.Saris, ESADE Barcelona, Spain, w.saris@telefonica.net : *Social indicators for Public Policy in a comparative perspective*

Noelia Somarriba, University of Valladolid, Spain, nsomarri@eco.uva.es: *Approach To The Measurement Of The Individual and Social Quality Of Life In Europe*

Andranik Tangian, Hans Boeckler Foundation, Duesseldorf, Germany, andranik-tangian@boeckler.de: *Is work in Europe decent? A study based on the 4th European survey of working conditions 2005*

Srna Mandič, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, srna.mandic@fdv.uni-lj.si ; Andreja Cirman, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, andreja.cirman@ef.uni-lj.si : *Housing Outcomes And Structural Determinants: Comparisons Within The Enlarged EU*

José António Pereirinha, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal, pereirin@iseg.utl.pt : *Women and Poverty in the European Union: contribution to the discussion of a new set of social indicators*

Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb, Croatia, sinisa.zrinscak@zg.t-com.hr: *Cognitive Europeanization And Social Reality: Role Of Social Indicators In Post-Communist Transformation*

Session 4: Social Indicators for Public Policies - Asia and Latin America
Chair: Ferran Casas, Facultat de Ciències Econòmiques i Empresariales, Girona, Spain, ferran.casas@udg.es

Presenters:

Siri Hettige, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, sthetti@webmail.cmb.ac.lk : *Role of Social Indicators to Inform Public Policy: The Case of Sri Lanka at a Time of Rapid Socio-economic Change*

Mariano Rojas, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales-Mexico and Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, Mexico, mariano.rojas.h@gmail.com : *The Four Qualities Of Life In Latin America*

Maikol Elizondo-Lara, Universidad de las Américas, Puebla, Mexico, maikol.elizondola@udlap.mx : *Understanding Health Satisfaction in Latin America And The Caribbean*

Lavinia Pessanha, Brazilian Institute of Geographie and Statistics, Brazil, lavinia.pessanha@ibge.gov.br; Paulo Vicente Mitchell, Brazilian institute of Geographie and Statistics, Brazil, paulo.mitchell@ibge.gov.br : *Social Indicators, Food Security and Basic Human Being Needs: The Brazilian Case*

Marta G. Rivera Ferre, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain, martaguadalupe.rivera@uab.es : *Food Sovereignty indicators at the community level in Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Spain*

Sandra Fachelli, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain, sandra.fachelli@gmail.com: *Social stratification in Argentina: an inter-temporal analysis*

Session 5: The Role of Social Indicators to Inform Public Policies: Welfare State and Education

Chair: Mariano Rojas, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales-Mexico and Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, Mexico, mariano.rojas.h@gmail.com

Presenters:

Alexis Tala, Warsaw University, Poland, alexistala@yahoo.fr: *Building a Robust Wellbeing Monitoring System for Social Policy. Some Methodological Issues*

Wolfgang Glatzer, University of Frankfurt, Germany, Glatzer@soz.uni-frankfurt.de : *The Development of the Welfare State and Social Cohesion. Signals of Social Indicators*

Sunnee Billingsley, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain, sunneeb@gmail.com : *The balance of welfare provision: An indicator of decommodification*

Dina Frommert, Deutsche Rentenversicherung Bund, Berlin, Germany, dina.frommert@drv-bund.de ; Thorsten Heien, TNS Infratest Sozialforschung, Munich,

Germany, thorsten.heien@tns-infratest.com : *Providing relevant information for the policy debate - The influence of individual life courses on future retirement incomes*

Patrick Sachweh, University of Bremen, Germany, psachweh@gsss.uni-bremen.de;
Sigrun Olafsdottir, Boston University, USA, sigrun@bu.edu : *The Welfare State and Equality? Stratification Realities and Aspirations in three Welfare Regimes*

Karina Frainer, University of Constance, Germany, kfrainer@yahoo.com : *PISA Assessment Results: What Brazil and Germany are doing with them?*

Session 6: Measuring Sustainability and Social Capital – Are Things Getting Better or Worse?

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Presenters:

Carmit Lubanov, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies - Environmental Policy Center, Israel, don1298@netvision.net.il : *Social Indicators in Israel: A 'Conceptual Model' of Combining Sustainability Measurement Theory and Local Practice*

Ulla Rosenström, Finnish Environment Institute, Helsinki, Finland, Ulla.Rosenstrom@ymparisto.fi ; Jussi Simpura, National Research and Development Centre for Welfare and Health (Stakes), Helsinki, Finland, jussi.simpura@stakes.fi : *Improving the usability of the multitude of indicator sets: views on the usefulness of a national indicator portal in Finland*

Robin Richards, Community Agency for Social Enquiry (C A S E), Johannesburg, South Africa, robinr@netactive.co.za : *Working for Water: a case study on the impact of a South African Public Works Programme in improving the quality of life of programme beneficiaries*

Melissa A. Young, State University of New York, USA, mayoun03@syr.edu : *Exploring Sustainability At a Local Scale: Bridging The Gap Between Local Residents, Local Officials, And Experts*

Honglin Chen, The University of Hong Kong, China, honglin@hkusua.hku.hk : *Social capital indicators as a public policy tool in China*

Chaime Marcuello-Servós, Zaragoza University, Spain, chaime@unizar.es : *Social Efficiency Indicators in Non Profit Organizations*

Session 7: Indicators and Their Use to Guide Public Policies: Migration, Gender and Poverty

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Presenters:

Rob V. Bijl, The Netherlands Institute for Social Research / SCP, The Hague, Netherlands, r.bijl@scp.nl : *Evaluating the social integration of immigrants: how to measure successes and failures?*

Zuleica Oliveira, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, oliveirazuleica@yahoo.com.br : *Cultural Gender Index*

Katharina Mahne, Oliver Huxhold, German Centre of Gerontology, Berlin, Germany, katharina.mahne@dza.de : *The transition to motherhood and quality of life – living conditions do matter*

Eva Sierminska, CEPS/INSTEAD, Differdange, Luxembourg, eva.sierminska@ceps.lu ; Markus M. Grabka, German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) DIW, Berlin, Germany, mgrabka@diw.de ; Joachim R. Frick, German Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) DIW, Berlin, Germany, jfrick@diw.de: *Examining the gender wealth gap within households*

Elvira Pereira, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal, epereira@iscsp.utl.pt ; José António Pereirinha, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal, pereirin@iseq.utl.pt : *Measuring poverty using social indicators: the development of an index of deprivation to measure rural-urban poverty differences in Portugal*

Stef Adriaenssens, European University College, Brussels, Belgium, stef.adriaenssens@ehsal.be : *Wellbeing And Capabilities Of Beggars*