

**International Conference**  
***Happiness and Relational Goods:***  
***Well-Being and Interpersonal Relations in the Economic Sphere***

**San Servolo Island, Venice**

**11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Preliminary programme**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

- h. 9.15 - 11.00 Opening plenary session:  
**Pierluigi Porta** (University of Milano-Bicocca): *Opening of the conference*  
**Benedetto Gui** (University of Padova): *Happiness and relational goods: introductory remarks*  
**Andrew Clark** (Paris School of Economics): *Doing relatively well: social capital and social comparisons*
- h. 11.00 - 11.30 *Coffee Break*
- h. 11.30 - 13.00 Parallel sessions A
- h. 13.00 - 14.30 *Lunch*
- h. 14.30 - 16.00 Parallel sessions B
- h. 16.15 - 17.15 Plenary session:  
**Frans Van Winden** (University of Amsterdam): *Social interactions and social ties - for better or for worse*
- h. 17.15 - 17.45 *Coffee Break*
- h. 17.45 - 19.15 Parallel sessions C
- h. 19.30 - 21.00 *Dinner*
- h. 21.00 - 22.00 *Venetian concert*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

- h. 9.30 - 11.00 Parallel sessions D
- h. 11 - 11.30 *Coffee break*
- h. 11.30 - 12.30 Plenary session:  
**Julie Nelson** (University of Massachusetts, Boston): *Getting past 'rational man/emotional woman': how far have research programs in happiness and interpersonal relations progressed?*
- h. 12.45 - 13.45 *Lunch*
- h. 13.45 - 15.00 *Visit of the Island*
- h. 15.15 - 17.15 Parallel sessions E
- h. 17.15 - 17.45 *Coffee break*
- h. 17.45 - 18.45 Plenary session:  
**Giacomo Corneo** (Free University, Berlin): *Symbolic values, value formation and social interactions*
- h. 19.00 *Transfer to social dinner*
- h. 19.45 *Social dinner in Venice*

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

- h. 9.00 - 10.00 Plenary session:  
**Robert Frank** (Cornell University, Ithaca, NY): *Relative income and beyond*
- h. 10.15 - 11.45 Parallel sessions G
- h. 11.45 - 12.15 *Coffee break*
- h. 12.15 - 13.45 Plenary session:  
**Stefano Zamagni** (University of Bologna): *Happiness and relational goods in perspective*  
*General Discussion*  
**Luigino Bruni** (University of Milano-Bicocca): *Concluding remarks*
- h. 13.45 - 15.00 *Lunch*
- h. 15.00 - 18.00 *Organized visit of Venice*

## Parallel sessions

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, h. 11.30 - 13.00, Parallel sessions A

#### **Session A1**

- Migheli *Happiness in India: the importance of “being raised religiously”*  
Groezinger *Happiness and success through religion? Individual characteristics and regional context in Germany*  
Popova *Can religion insure against aggregate shocks to happiness? The case of transition countries*

#### **Session A2**

- Tavano, Blessi *Culture and well-being: impact of culture on individual subjective well-being of Italian population*  
Sarracino *Social capital and subjective well-being trends in Europe and Japan 1980-2005*  
Teng, Sugden *An empirical study for happiness, mutual advantages and human progress*

#### **Session A3**

- Chekola *Happiness, relational goods and an invisible minority: the effects of negative views of homosexuality*  
Cassone *Happiness, individual utility function forms, group size and homogeneity*  
Currarini *Homophily and search*

#### **Session A4**

- Di Giovinazzo *The missing third: social relations as a basic human need and the societal dimension as the genius loci where to satisfy it*  
Lieto, Musella *Network coordination, scambi di conoscenze e beni relazionali*  
Merz *Satisfaction, time and income poverty: an interdependent multidimensional approach with German time use diary data*

#### **Session A5**

- Miesen *‘Love is all you need’: social relatedness needs, materialism, and subjective well-being*  
Schöb, Knabe, Rätzel, Weimann *Dissatisfied with life, but having a good day: time-use and well-being of the unemployed*  
Bonanno, Vanin *Bowling alone, drinking together*

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, h. 14.30 - 16.00, Parallel sessions B

#### **Session B1**

- Montinari *Horizontal reciprocity in teams*  
Silber, Verme *Distributional changes, reference groups and the measurement of relative deprivation*  
Mentesoglu, Vendrik *Social reference and adaptation effects on happiness: a dynamic approach*

#### **Session B2**

- Rynko *Income, relative social status and the determinants of happiness in Europe*  
Sironi *Happiness, housework and gender inequality in modern Europe*  
Selezneva *From North to South, from East to West*

#### **Session B3**

- Ash *The happiness (and unhappiness) of interpersonal relationships: an economics perspective*  
Tomer *Enduring happiness: integrating the hedonic and eudaimonic approaches*

#### **Session B4**

- Caruso *Relational goods at work! Crime, productivity and sport participation in Italy: evidence from panel data regional analysis over the period 1997-2003*

Masur *Happiness and punishment*  
Proto, Oswald, *Happiness and productivity*  
Sgroi

**Session B5**

Hule *Basic income and relational goods: consequences for impact and design*  
Knabe *Boon or bane? Others' unemployment, well-being and job insecurity*  
Tacsir *Social rewards and the occupation choice*

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, h. 17.45 - 19.15, Parallel sessions C**

**Session C1**

Ifcher *The happiness of single mothers after welfare reform*  
Sironi *Childbearing and happiness across Europe*  
Stanca *Suffer the little children: measuring the joys of parenthood worldwide*

**Session C2**

Ochsen *Subjective well-being and the duration of aggregate unemployment in europe*  
Rätzel, Knabe *Scarring or scaring? The psychological impact of past unemployment and future unemployment risk*  
Suppa *The impact of past unemployment on current life satisfaction*

**Session C3**

Bruno, Fiorillo *Volunteers' motivations between investment and consumption*  
Pereira *Relational goods as a volunteering motivation*  
Turati *On time and money donations*

**Session C4**

Bianchi *Financial development, entrepreneurship, and job satisfaction*  
Deleire *Does consumption buy you happiness? Evidence from the United States*  
Heslam *The contribution of business to human well-being*

**Session C5**

Winkelmann, *Happiness and altruism within the extended family*  
Schwarze  
Serge *Leisure and adaptation to old age: a two period model*  
Parolin *Friendship and institutional roles: relational goods under pressure*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, h. 9.30 - 11, Parallel sessions E**

**Session E1**

Murphy, Jones, *Inequality, social support and well-being in four Mexican cities*  
Norris, Baker  
Checchi *Happiness and quality of city life*  
Ratcliffe *Subjective well-being and house prices*

**Session E2**

Distante *Subjective Well-Being, Income and Relative Concerns in the UK*  
Hessami *The size and composition of government spending in europe and its impact on well-being*  
Checcucci, Deidda *The transmission of happiness*

**Session E3**

Dijk *Expenditure cascades in complex social networks*  
Mastrobuoni, De *Identifying the reference group: evidence from self-reported reference wages of*  
La Garza, *Japanese union workers*  
Sannabe, Yamada

Dupuis, Martel, *Measurement of happiness and quality of life at work: a framework for*  
Lachance, Perrault *prevention of psychosocial risks at work*

**Session E4**

- Becchetti, Giachin Ricca, Pelloni *The 60es turnaround as a test on the causal relationship between sociability and happiness*  
 Prinz, Bünger *The decline of relational goods in the production of well-being*  
 Van Landeghem *Trapped in a golden cage of materialism? A longitudinal analysis of loss aversion patterns in experienced utility*

**Session E5**

- Haile *Workplace job satisfaction in Britain: evidence from a linked employer-employee data*  
 Poggi *Job satisfaction, working conditions and aspirations*  
 Arjona, D'Hombres, Mascherini, Nardo *Why are managers happier than workers?*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, h. 15.15 - 17.15, Parallel sessions F****Session F1**

- Dur, Non, Roelfsema *Reciprocity and incentive pay in the workplace*  
 Okulicz-Kozaryn *Life satisfaction and hours of work*  
 Bilancini *Social context and hours worked*  
 Gallo *Well-being in a multinational company*

**Session F2**

- Becchetti, Degli Antoni, Faillo *Relational goods and cooperative behavior: an experimental analysis based on traveler's dilemma*  
 Faillo, Ottone, Sacconi *Social enterprise and the creation of social capital: an experimental study*  
 Gächter, Starmer, Tufano *Who is the weakest link? An experimental study on relationship closeness and coordination success*  
 Stanca, Bruni, Mantovani *Do-ut-des aversion: the effect of motivations on indirect reciprocity*

**Session F3**

- Frolov *Reciprocity as the reason of the intrinsic motivation: the model of kindness relations*  
 Zorc-Maver *The role of intrinsic motivation in enterprise management*  
 Pugno *Social capital is "good" if personal relations are good*  
 Stokmans *What does a product provide: utility or emotional energy?*

**Session F4**

- Angner, Allison, Hullett *John Henryism and happiness: a new look at aspiration level theory*  
 Ateca-Amestoy, Ugidos *The impact of different types of resource transfers on individual well-being*  
 Lopes, Lopes, Veloso *Relational goods at work, identity and capabilities*  
 Zavarrone, Zappa *Social interaction and job satisfaction*

**Session F5**

- Holden, Novak, Kim *The psychological consequences of widowhood and divorce*  
 Montes *A comparative analysis of different ethics in the perspective of the "common good"*  
 Mota *Relational goods and market competition: some lessons for economic policy design*  
 Della Giusta, Jewell, King *Values and labour market behaviour*

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, h. 10.15 - 11.45, Parallel sessions G**

**Session G1**

- Corazzini *Do danes and italians rate life satisfaction in the same way? Using vignettes to correct for individual-specific scale biases*
- Michelangeli,  
Croci Angelini *Measuring well-being differences across eu countries. A multidimensional analysis of income, housing, health, and education*

**Session G2**

- Magliulo *The Austrian School on Happiness and Relational Goods*
- Porta *Cognitivism: reflections from the XVIII century literature in political economy*
- Clerici *Market and social relations in medieval and early modern age*

**Session G3**

- Klein *Individual happiness and Becker's extended utility function: an empirical application based on EVS data*
- Motta, Gui,  
Dobrescu *Relational goods and the life cycle*
- Necati Aydin,  
Ph.D. *Global Financial/Happiness Crisis and End of Capitalism*

**Session G4**

- Albanese, Villani *Social capital, incentives and the case of democratic firms*
- Sol, Dur *Social interaction, co-worker altruism, and incentives*
- Degli Antoni,  
Sacconi *A theoretical analysis of the relationship between social capital and corporate social responsibility: modelling cognitive social capital and CSR as preconditions for sustainable networks of cooperative relations*

**Session G5**

- Nappo *Relational goods and well-being of people working in the Italian social cooperatives*
- Depedri *Fixing the under-provision of relational goods at work: the case of social cooperatives*
- Magrin, Scignaro,  
Viganò *Autonomy-support supervisor and sense of community: their role in fostering happiness*