

Happiness and Age conference

Part of the *After the Pandemic* conference series

Friday, October 29, 2021

Program

All times are in EDT (Eastern Daylight Time, as in Toronto or New York)

8:10-8:15 **Welcome**

Jerzy (Jurek) Konieczny (Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada and ICEA)

8:15-9:45 **Pandemic, Mental Health and Well Being**

Chair: Thomas Barbiero (Ryerson University, Canada and ICEA)

Raymond Gaspar (Asian Development Bank, the Phillipines) and Nina Ashley Dela Cruz
(World Health Organization (Regional Office for the Western Pacific, the
Phillipines))

*Managing pandemic-induced mental health concerns in the Philippines: A Strong
Case for Building Public Trust and Confidence*

Francesco Sarracino (STATEC Research, Luxembourg), Talita Greyling (University of
Johannesburg, South Africa), Kelsey O'Connor (STATEC Research, Luxembourg), Chiara
Peroni (Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (STATEC), Luxembourg) and
Stephanie Rossouw (Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand)

[From tweets to well-being: Sentiment analysis reveals how well-being evolved in
Europe during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Shun Wang (KDI School of Public Policy and Management, South Korea), Mingming Ma
(Institute for Advanced Research, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China)
and Fengyu Wu (Faculty of Social Science, The University of Hong Kong)

Lockdown, Infection, and Mental Well-being in China

10:00-11:00 Keynote

Chair: Jerzy (Jurek) Konieczny (Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada and ICEA)

David Blanchflower (Dartmouth College and NBER)

There is a Midlife Low in Happiness

11:15-12:15 Country Studies

Chair: Scott C. Ensign (Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada)

Elvisa Drishti (Department of Business Administration, University of Shkodra, Albania)

Unemployed, uncompliant, and unhappy – impact of COVID19 in the Western Balkans

L.M.D.D.M. Pitawala (Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka), S. Kumar (Department of Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka)

Impact of COVID-19 on the Quality of Life of Women Garment Workers: A Study of the Biyagama Export Processing Zone, Sri Lanka

12:30-14:00 Coping with the Pandemic

Chair: Luisa Corrado (University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy and ICEA)

Michael Alhleim (University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany), In Woo Kim (Institute of Economics, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany) and Duy Thanh Vuong (Institute of Economics, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany)

The return of happiness - Resilience in times of pandemic

Paul Dolan (Department in Psychological and Behavioural Science, London School of Economics, UK), Christian Krekel (Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science, London School of Economics, UK), Ganga Shreedhar (Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science, London School of Economics, UK), Helen Lee (National Health Service (NHS), UK), Claire Marshall (Patient Experience Team, National Health Service (NHS), UK) and Allison Smith (Royal Voluntary Service, UK)

[Happy to Help: The Welfare Effects of a Nation-Wide Micro-Volunteering Programme](#)

Annie Tubadji (Economics Department, School of Management, Swansea University, UK)

You'll Never Walk Alone: Loneliness, Religion and Economics

14:15-15:15 Happiness and Age

Chair: Yochai Z Shavit (Stanford University, USA)

Inés Berniell (CEDLAS – IIE, Department of Economics, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina), Anne Laferrère (Laboratoire d'économie et de Gestion des Organisations de Santé, Université Paris-Dauphine – PSL and Centre de Recherche en Économie et Statistique (CREST), France), Pedro Mira (Center for Monetary and Financial Studies (CEMFI), Spain) and Elizaveta Pronkina (Université Paris-Dauphine – PSL, France)

[Robinson Crusoe: less or more depressed? With whom and where to live in a pandemic if you are above 50](#)

Laura L. Carstensen (Department of Psychology, Stanford University, USA), Yochai Z. Shavit (Department of Psychology, Stanford University, USA) and Jessica T. Barnes (Department of Psychology, Stanford University, USA)

[Age Advantages in Emotional Experience Persist Even Under Threat From the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

15:30-16:30 Work and Time Use

Chair: Ashley V. Williams (Harvard Business School, USA)

Esther Greenglass (Department of Psychology, York University, Toronto, Canada), Lisa Fiksenbaum (Department of Psychology, York University, Toronto, Canada), Daniel Chiacchia (Department of Management, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, Canada)

Financial Threat, Socio-economic Factors, and Employability During COVID-19

Laura M. Giurge (Department of Organizational Behavior, London Business School, UK), Ashley V. Whillans (Negotiation, Organizations & Markets Unit, Harvard Business School, USA) and Ayse Yemiscigil (Human Flourishing Program, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA)

[A multicountry perspective on gender differences in time use during COVID-19](#)

Keynote Speaker



David Blanchflower, CBE, is Bruce V. Rauner Professor of Economics at Dartmouth College, Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and Professor of Economics (part-time, non-teaching), Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow. He is a TV Contributing editor for Bloomberg, contributor to the Guardian. Advisory Board, National Institute Economic Review. Honorary degrees from Leicester, Queen Mary (London), Sussex and Cardiff. Business Person of the Year (Daily Telegraph, 2008), Member Monetary Policy Committee, Bank of England (2006-9), Princeton University’s Richard A. Lester Prize for ‘the most outstanding book in Industrial Relations and Labor Economics, 3rd most Google cited paper in both the Journal of Labor Economics and the Journal of Public Economics and the second most cited paper ever in Labour Economics.

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Happiness and Age	David Blanchflower (Dartmouth)	October 29-30
Inequality	Wojciech Kopczuk (Columbia)	November 5-6
Public Policy Lessons	Judith A. Chevalier (Yale)	November 12-13
Working from Home	Nicholas Bloom (Stanford)	November 17-18
Public Health	Alan Whiteside (Wilfrid Laurier University and Balsillie School of International Affairs)	December 3-4
Gender Inequality	Stefania Albanesi (Pittsburgh)	December 10-11
Winter 2022		
Inflation	Yuriy Gorodnichenko (Berkeley)	January 28-29
Taxation	Stefania Stantcheva (Harvard)	February 4-5
Future of Work	David Autor (MIT)	February 25-26
The Resilient Society	Markus Brunnermeier (Princeton)	TBA

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