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# World Happiness Conference 2016



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## 15 March

Happiness Conference .  
How should we measure wellbeing  
in a broader sense? Life satisfaction  
and wellbeing indicators

Venue: Università LUMSA

*Subjective wellbeing indicators are widely used in several disciplines to measure overall satisfaction in order to overcome limits and loopholes of traditional objective indicators. Researchers and policymakers have both a keen interest in understanding how subjective and objective indicators compare how they perform and differ and how they can be used to assess the impact of policy-making. The conference welcomes contributions aimed at moving ahead the frontier of studies on integrating subjective and objective indicators, on the methodologies for measuring subjective indicators and on the determinants of subjective wellbeing.*

*The conference welcomes contributions on the following topics:*

- Subjective and objective wellbeing indicators: relationships and correspondences.
- Advancement in the use of subjective wellbeing indicators.
- The determinants of subjective wellbeing indicators.

*Satisfaction and objective indicators in specific domains: health, job, leisure and income.*

### Program

8.00  
Registration (Aula Giubileo)

9.00  
Introduction to the conference  
(Aula Giubileo)

10.00  
Parallel sessions  
(Vaschette, 4 Aule and Aula Giubileo)

12.00  
Parallel sessions  
(Vaschette, 4 Aule and Aula Giubileo)

14.30  
Parallel sessions (Vaschette, 4 Aule)

16.00  
Keynote (Sede Giubileo)  
by Alois Stutzer

17.30  
Keynote (Sede Giubileo)  
by Andrew Clark

## 16 March

Presentation of the World Happiness Report 2016

Venue: Banca d'Italia

*The World Happiness Report is a landmark survey of the state of global happiness. In its previous three editions the report has documented that well-being and happiness are critical indicators of a nation's economic and social development. In the report, published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), leading experts in several fields – economics, psychology, survey analysis, national statistics, and more – describe how measurements of well-being can be used effectively to assess the progress of nations. "The aspiration of society is the flourishing of its members," said Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute, Columbia University. "This report gives evidence on how to achieve societal well-being. It's not by money alone, but also by fairness, honesty, trust, and good health. The evidence here will be useful to all countries as they pursue the new Sustainable Development Goals".*

### Program

9.00  
Opening remarks

9.30  
Presentation of the Report

9.30  
John Helliwell  
University of British Columbia  
Editor of the Report  
World Happiness Rankings

Discussant:  
Paolo Sestito Bank of Italy

10.15  
Jeffrey Sachs University of Columbia  
Editor of the Report  
Happiness and the Sustainable Development Goals

Discussant:  
Guido de Blasio Bank of Italy

11.00  
Richard Layard  
London School of Economics  
Institutional issues in the development of secular ethics

Discussant:  
Vincenzo Atella  
University of Rome Tor Vergata

12.00  
Bechetti Leonardo  
University of Rome Tor Vergata  
Corrado Luisa  
University of Rome Tor Vergata  
Samà Paola  
University of Rome Tor Vergata  
Inside the happiness blackbox

Discussant:  
Alois Stutzer University of Basel

## 17 March

Felicità, benessere e bene comune: quali direzioni per una società ricca di senso e capace di creare valore economico sostenibile ?

Venue: Auditorium della Conciliazione

*La qualità della vita è oggi al centro di un ritorno di interesse, da molte prospettive.*

*In molti Paesi, che ancora lottano contro gravi forme di miseria e di esclusione, l'aumento quantitativo della ricchezza resta un obiettivo importante, che però deve fare sempre più i conti con i limiti globali ambientali allo sviluppo quantitativo. In Occidente e a Nord, abbiamo con fatica e finalmente compreso che ci sono molte dimensioni della vita buona che non solo non vengono catturate dal PIL, ma che vengono oscurate e 'inquinate' dall'ossessione per la crescita e per la quantità, come emerge con forza anche dalla 'Laudato Si' di Papa Francesco. Beni relazionali, spirituali, sociali, simbolici, ambientali, hanno bisogno di sguardi diversi, e di altri indicatori, per essere prima visti poi, forse, misurati.*

*In occasione della presentazione del World Happiness Report 2016, che approda in Italia per la prima volta, nello spazio di dialogo offerto dal Cortile dei Gentili, i redattori del Report si confronteranno con altri studiosi sulla felicità, qualità della vita e i loro indicatori.*

### Programma

Saluti  
Nicola Zingaretti  
Presidente Regione Lazio

Introduce  
Mons. Ravasi  
Pontificio Consiglio della Cultura

Relatori  
Giuliano Amato  
già Primo ministro, Cortile dei Gentili

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Domande selezionate ai relatori  
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