

Call for papers on

Public Happiness

Rome, June 4-5, 2013

Public happiness was one of the keywords of the European classic school of political and civil economy, particularly on the Continent. This expression underlined the natural social dimension of human happiness, and the analysis of the link between economy and welfare as the main object of the newborn economic science. Currently, happiness studies mainly emphasize individual well-being, and its connections with other economic and social variables. The key social dimension of happiness is no longer at the center of political economy today, as it was in the early days of the discipline. In the present time of crisis we need to focus on the social nature of the economic science: analyses of social capital, relational goods, and other social dimensions are an outgrowth of happiness studies, with a special new attention for policy implications, and therefore for the political and social dimensions of well-being. This conference will focus on the social and policy dimensions of happiness, and their connections with empirical, theoretical and historical issues.

Keynote speakers include: Robert Sugden, Bruno Frey, Carol Graham, Ruut Veenhoven, Carol Ryff, Alois Stutzer, Serge-Christophe Kolm, and Nicholas Theodorakis.

Venue: Thomas Aquinas University, Rome, Largo Angelicum, 1.

Organizing institutions: University of Milan Bicocca, University of Rome Tor Vergata, St. Thomas Aquinas University (Rome), LUMSA University (Rome), HEIRS, CISEPS, IREC

Paper Submission

Please submit full papers or extended abstracts in PDF format to heirs.unimib@gmail.com no later than March 31, 2013. The decision on acceptance will be notified by May 1, 2013.

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