Workshop on Well-Being over the Life Course

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Over the last decade significant progress has been made in the measurement of people's well-being, however, for these measures to have a significant impact on the design and development of specific policies, we must go beyond simply measuring well-being outcomes. It is important to know, not just the current level and distribution of well-being, but also what drives well-being, and whether the same causal mechanisms apply at different stages of the life course. Subjective well-being is a key area where better information on causality is needed.

This workshop on modelling the causes of subjective well-being over the life course of individuals will bring together a range of researchers estimating models of the life course determinants of current subjective well-being based on longitudinal data for a number of countries. The objective of the workshop is to present some initial findings from current research in this area and help define the agenda for the future.

Programme

8.45	Welcome coffee
9.15 – 9.30	Introduction by **Marco Mira D'Ercole** (OECD)
9.30 – 10.30	*"Models of Well-Being",* **Richard Layard** (LSE)
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee break
10.45 – 11.45	"*Early-life experiences and Young Adult Outcomes*", **George Ward** (LSE)
11.45 – 12.45	"*Well-being and register data*", **Niels Ploug** (Statistics Denmark) and **Kjell Salvanes** (Norwegian School of Economics)
12.45 – 14.00	Lunch at the OECD cafeteria
14.00 – 15.00	"*How much do childhood experiences influence mid-life subjective well-being in New Zealand?*", **Simon Chapple** (Otago)
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee break
15.15 – 16.15	"*Victimisation, Wellbeing and estimation of the cost of violent crime using panel data",* **Michael Shields** (Monash University)
16.15 – 17.15	"*Perspectives for the analysis of cohort data in Psychology*", **Rich Lucas** (Michigan State University)
17.15 – 17.30	Future directions by **Andrew Clark** (PSE and LSE) and **Conal Smith** (OECD)
17.30 – 18.30	Cocktail