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1. Notes from Editing Office

Dear Members of RC55:

Greeting from Taiwan!

In the business meeting in the 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology in University of Vienna (July 10-14), the board and members collectively decided to launch a newsletter of our RC. You are reading it now! This first issue is out in December of 2016, with the official name "Social Indicators Matters" (in short, SIM). I am happy to be the first editor. I believe that with this newsletter circulating in our community, we are going to build a stronger linkage among us – a binding network, so to speak. Of course, this newsletter also reaches and links other colleagues of social indicators research outside RC55. There can be a bridging effect for sure.

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I do hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

In this very first issue, I start with introducing the board members severing for the term of 2015-2018. As president of RC55, I especially thank them for organizing many academic activities and events. Without their contribution of time and effort, the RC is not able to work properly.

The other sessions feature: new activities and positions of members; information of new publications (books and articles) to share with; an official call for members; a call for submission by *The Senshu Social Well-being Review*, a new international journal based in the Institute for the Development of Social Intelligence, Senshu University, Kanagawa, Japan.

I have, just in time, the list of the accepted submission for the 2017 April mid-term conference to be held in Academia Sinica, Taipei. There are 30 paper submissions from various regions and cultures. A mid-term conference like this one had been organized in the past and will happen regularly in the future. If you are interested in hosting it, please contact us.

Finally, there is an announcement of the Ruut Veenhoven Award. Congratulations to Dr. Loius Tay from Purdue University for winning this prestigious award!

To enrich SIM, I will from time to time solicit important information of yours. Needless to say, you are most welcome to send in materials voluntarily. I look forward to your suggestions, comments, inputs, and...responses (when I reach you).

Best wishes for the coming new year of the Rooster!

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2. List of Board members (2015-2018)

President

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dean of College of Social Sciences, National Taipei University, Taiwan. He now serves as President of Research Committee of Social Indicators (RC 55) of the International Sociological Association, and Vice-President for the International Society for Quality of Life Studies. His current research project focuses on family and quality of life studies in East Asian countries. His works appear in *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Social Indicators Research*, etc. His latest book, *Global Exposure in East Asia*, was published by Routledge in 2015.

Vice President

➤ **Robert BIJL** (r.bijl@scp.nl)

Since 2006 Dr. Rob Bijl, PhD, sociologist and psychiatric epidemiologist, is deputy director of The Netherlands Institute for Social Research/SCP. SCP is an institute for social and cultural policy analysis. For more than 30 years SCP supplies central government with information on the Dutch welfare state and the living conditions of the population. The main fields studied are health, welfare, social security, the labour market and education, with a particular focus on the interfaces between them. Special focus is on elderly, minorities and youth. Its reports are widely used by the government, civil servants, local authorities and academics. From 2001 – 2006 dr. Bijl was head of the research department on Migration and Integration of the Ministry of Justice. He has published on monitoring the processes of migrant integration, and on policy evaluation. He currently is member of the board of ISA Research Committee on Social Indicators. He is member of the European Social Reporting Network. He has been active in psychiatric epidemiological research, and published internationally on the relationships between mental health and quality of life, labour market, and need for care. Next to his SCP work, he is member of the Supervisory Boards of a mental health organisation.

Secretary

➤ **Christian Suter** (christian.suter@unine.ch)

Christian Suter is professor of sociology at the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland. After receiving his PhD in sociology from the University of Zurich in 1988, he was senior researcher at the University Hospital Zurich, visiting scholar at the Colegio de México, visiting professor at the Friedrich-Schiller University, Jena, Germany and assistant professor of sociology at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich.

He is currently doing research on social and economic inequalities, poverty and deprivation, as well as on wellbeing, quality of life, social indicators and social reporting. He has published and edited more than 25 books and special issues, as well as many articles in international social sciences journals, encyclopedias, and volumes. He is the winner of the Book Award of the American Sociological Association, Political Economy of the World-System Section (1993) and has been awarded by a Fritz Thyssen Prize for articles in social sciences journals (1998).

Board Members

➤ **Kenneth C. Land** (kland@soc.duke.edu)

Kenneth C. Land is Research Professor in the Social Science Research Institute and the John Franklin Crowell Professor of Sociology and Demography Emeritus at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, USA. He is the co-author of four books, editor/co-editor of six books, and author/co-author of over 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and chapters in books in the fields of statistics, sociology, demography, criminology, and social indicators/quality-of-life studies. For 18 years, Dr. Land has been Principal Investigator of the Child and Youth Well-Being Index Project. Dr. Land is an elected Fellow of the American Statistical Association, the Sociological Research Association, the American Society of Criminology, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies. He currently serves on the Editorial Boards of Social Indicators Research, Applied Research in Quality of Life, and the Journal of the American Statistical Association. He also Editor of SINET: Social Indicators Network News for the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies.

➤ **Filomena Maggino** (filomena.maggino@unifi.it)

Filomena Maggino is Professor of Social Statistics at the University of Florence and is currently Editor-in-Chief of *Social Indicators Research* journal (Springer). She was President and co-founder of the *Italian Association for Quality-of-Life Studies* (AIQUAV), past-president of the *International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies* (ISQOLS), and chair and organizer of two ISQOLS conferences (Florence, 2009; Venice, 2012). She is Member of ad-hoc national and international committees: *Global Project Research Network on Measuring the Progress* (Wikiprogress – OECD); *Scientific Committee for the Measurement of Wellbeing – BES* project (*Commissione scientifica per la misura del benessere* – progetto BES; Italian National Institute of Statistics – ISTAT); *Expert Group*

on Quality of life (Eurostat – European Commission); Scientific Committee for Social Progress Index for Europe (DG-Regio – European Commission); and Expert Group on “European Research Area” Survey (DG for Research and Innovation – European Commission). She also is an advisor of the Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT) with reference to quality-of-life and wellbeing measurement, and a Coordinator of the International II level master “QoLexity. Measuring, Monitoring and Analysis of Quality of Life and its Complexity” at the University of Florence.

➤ **Heinz-Herbert Noll** (hh.noll@t-online.de)

Dr. Heinz-Herbert Noll was the long-time director of the “Social Indicators Research Centre” of GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences in Mannheim, Germany. Since his retirement he works as a freelance researcher and scientific advisor. He graduated at the University of Frankfurt and received his doctorate at the University of Mannheim. He has taught at various European universities. Noll was co-editor of the German social report “Datenreport” for almost two decades and a principal investigator of the German “Welfare Surveys”. Noll served as chair of the “Social Indicators Section” in the German Sociological Association and was President of the ISA-Research Committee “Social Indicators” and the “International Society for Quality of Life Studies”. He also is/was a member of the editorial boards of several international journals, including “Social Indicators Research”. Noll has also been a coordinator of and participant in several European Projects, among them most recently the FP7 project “e-Frame” (European Framework for Measuring Progress). He has published widely on topics related to social indicators, quality of life, subjective well-being as well as social inequality and social structures.

➤ **Mariano Rojas** (mariano.rojas.h@gmail.com)

Mariano Rojas (Costa Rica/Mexico) is Professor of Economics at *Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Sede México* and at *Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla*, Mexico. He holds a Ph.D in economics from The Ohio State University. His areas of research are: Subjective Well-Being, Happiness, Quality of Life, Poverty Studies, Economic Development and Social Progress. He coordinated the Mexican Initiative *Measuring the Progress of Societies: A Perspective from Mexico*, which aimed to make a contribution from Latin America to the global discussion on new ways of conceiving and measuring social performance and progress. He has edited many books

dealing with paradigm shift in the notion of social progress, such as: *The Measurement of Progress and Well-Being; Proposals from Latin America; Measurement, Research and Inclusion in Public Policy of Subjective Well-being: Latin America*. He has recently published the book entitled *The Scientific Study of Happiness* and edited the *Handbook of Happiness Research in Latin America*.

➤ **Ruut Veenhoven** (veenhoven@ese.eur.nl)

Ruut Veenhoven (1942) studied sociology. He is also accredited in social psychology and social-sexology. Veenhoven is emeritus professor of 'social conditions for human happiness' at Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands, where he is currently involved in the [Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organization](#). Veenhoven is also a special professor at North-West University in South Africa, where he is involved in the Optentia research program. He is director of the World Database of Happiness and founding editor of the Journal of Happiness Studies.

3. Activities and mobilities of members

➤ **Jenny Chesters** is now Research Fellow of Youth Research Centre, Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne.

➤ **Sandra Fachelli**, UAB Barcelona, Sociology: Sandra Fachelli is member of Research Group on Education and Work (GRET) at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB). She received her PhD in Sociology from the UAB in 2009. Her research focuses on higher education, social mobility, inequality and social stratification. She has taught at universities in Argentina, México, as well as at Spanish universities. She is Teacher Coordinator of the Master in Applied Social Research Techniques (TISA) at the UB-UAB. She plays an active role in the INCASI European Project (International Network for Comparative Analysis of Social Inequalities), a network of 19 universities (10 European and 9 Latin American).

➤ **Dolgion Aldar** (National University of Mongolia) reports three recent happenings in her institution:

- a). We finished conducting the nationwide survey on social cohesion and subjective well-being, a first of this kind of survey in Mongolia.

- b). The results were disseminated through Mongolia's TV channel - which attracted attention from public. The results were on trust, life domain evaluation, cooperation (willingness to help) etc. Pictures from the news coverage can be seen from the link below:
<https://www.facebook.com/IRIMongolia/posts/1190755571012248>.
We are intending to continue disseminating results and making the reports available in Mongolian and English in the coming year.
- c). This year was the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of Department of Sociology and Social Work at the National University of Mongolia. As such we can claim that Sociology as a discipline in Mongolia reached 25 years old (as before it was more merged with philosophy and under communist regime).

4. New Publications by members

- Esteban Calvo (Universidad Diego Portales, Chile) recently published:
- a). Calvo, Esteban, Christine A. Mair, and Natalia Sarkisian. 2015. "Individual Troubles, Shared Troubles: The Multiplicative Effect of Individual and Country-level Unemployment on Life Satisfaction in 95 Nations (1981-2009)." *Social Forces* 93(4):1625-53.
- Sandra Fachelli (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain) recently published:
- a). Fachelli, Sandra and Navarro-Cendejas, José (2015) Relationship between social origin and labor insertion of university graduates. *RELIEVE. e-Journal of Educational Research, Assessment and Evaluation*, Vol. 21 Núm. 2 (2015).
- b). Fachelli Sandra and Montolio, Daniel (2015) Valuation by Catalan graduates of the training received at university in relation to its utility in the workplace. *Multidisciplinary Journal for Education, Social and Technological Sciences*, Vol. 2 Núm. 2 (2015), pp. 14-37.
- c). Fachelli Sandra and López-Roldán Pedro (2015) Are We More Mobile when the Invisible Half Is Accounted for? Analysis of Intergenerational Social Mobility in Spain in 2011. *Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas* N°150, Abril-Junio 2015, pp: 41-70.
- Filomena Maggino (University of Florence, Italy) recently published:

- a). Marco, Fattore; Filomena, Maggino; Alberto, Arcagni (2016). Non-aggregative Assessment of Subjective Well-being. In: Giorgio Allewa, Andrea Giommi. *Topics in Theoretical and Applied Statistics*, pp. 227-238.
 - b). Maggino, Filomena (2016). Indicators of happiness vs quality of happiness: methodology and theory. In: Luigino Bruni, Pieluigi Porta. *Handbook of research methods and applications on happiness and quality of life*, pp. 196-228.
 - c). Renza Campagni, Lorenzo Gabrielli, Lorenzo Gabrielli, Fosca Giannotti, Filomena Maggino (2016). Measuring wellbeing by extracting social indicators from big data. In: Conference of European Statistics Stakeholders, Budapest, 20–21 October 2016.
 - d). Renza Campagni, Lorenzo Gabrielli, Fosca Giannotti, Riccardo Guidotti, Filomena Maggino, Dino Pedreschi (2016). Extracting social indicators from big data: an experience in measuring wellbeing. In: DATA SCIENCE & SOCIAL RESEARCH, Napoli, February 17-19 2016.
 - e). Maggino, F. (2016). Методологични предизвикателства при измерване на благоденствието на държавите: случаят със субективното благоденствие. *NASSELENIE*, pp. 7-30.
 - f). Maggino, Filomena (2016). Challenges, Needs and Risks in Defining Wellbeing Indicators. In: Filomena Maggino. *A Life Devoted to Quality of Life Festschrift in Honor of Alex C. Michalos*, pp. 209-235.
 - g). di Bella, Enrico; Leporatti, Lucia; Maggino, Filomena (2016). Big Data and Social Indicators: Actual Trends and New Perspectives. *SOCIAL INDICATORS RESEARCH*, pp. 1-12.
 - h). Mauro, Vincenzo; Biggeri, Mario; Maggino, Filomena (2016). Measuring and Monitoring Poverty and Well-Being: A New Approach for the Synthesis of Multidimensionality. *SOCIAL INDICATORS RESEARCH*, pp. 1-17.
- Ming-Chang Tsai (Academia Sinica, Taiwan) recently published:
- a). *Global Exposure in East Asia* (2015, London: Routledge)
 - b). Ming-Chang Tsai, Michio Nitta, Sang-Wook Kim, Wei-Dong Wang, 2016, "Working Overtime in East Asia: Convergence or divergence?", *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 46, 700-722.
 - c). Ming-Chang Tsai, Rachel Dwyer and Ruey-Ming Tsay, 2016, "Does Financial Assistance Really Assist? The Impact of Debt on Wellbeing, Health Behavior and Self-concept in Taiwan", *Social Indicators Research*, 125,127–147.

5. Call for New Members of ISA RC55

The Research Committee 55-Social Indicators of International Sociological Association is calling for new members! Researchers who take interest in conducting research on social indicators from theoretical, empirical and methodological approaches are most welcome to join this community.

Membership Benefits

As a registered member of the RC55, you receive the following benefits:

- ✧ Two issues of Social Indicator Matters (SIM), the official newsletter of RC55, every year
- ✧ Free access to back issues of SIM
- ✧ Significant discount to RC 55's official conferences
- ✧ Getting recognized for important work through the RC55's formal activities and programs
- ✧ Apply for travel support to attend our conferences
- ✧ Free access to lectures, slide presentations, and other educational resources from the RC55's website

If you are interested in becoming a member, please use the Online Registration: <https://isa.enoah.com/Sign-In>.

6. Call for Submissions

The Senshu Social Well-being Review, a reviewed annual journal published by the Center for Social Well-being Studies at Senshu University, calls for submissions of your latest research on social well-being. The journal intends to provide a public forum for discussion with broader audience than that of other academic journals in this field. It especially invites papers on topical issues with substantial implications for policy making which would not go well with usual journals. Any individuals from all over the world are welcome to submit their manuscripts for consideration.

Manuscripts of no more than 10,000 words with an abstract of no more than 200 words

should be sent to swbpaper@isc.senshu-u.ac.jp. Submission is acceptable anytime. The journal will be issued in every September. Refer to the Submission of Manuscripts on the following website before you prepare the manuscripts.

<http://www.senshu-u.ac.jp/swb/english/pub.html>

Should you have any questions, feel free to mail to: swbpaper@isc.senshu-u.ac.jp.

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7. List of Accepted Papers for the 2017 Mid-term Conference of RC 55



2017 ISA RC55 Mid-term Conference
THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL INDICATORS
REGIONAL RESPONSES TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES
 April 21st-22nd, 2017
 Taipei, Taiwan

Keynote Speech I

Speaker: Prof. Ruut Veenhoven (Emeritus professor of social conditions for human happiness, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Topic: *Developments in Happiness Research*

Keynote Speech II

Speaker: Prof. Kenneth Land (John Franklin Crowell Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Duke University)

Topic: *How Composite Social Indicators Resolve the Easterlin Happiness Paradox and Their Time Series Properties*

List of Accepted Abstracts

(in alphabetical order by the last name of the first author)

Author(s)	Paper title
Danijel Baturina	Towards a Better Understanding of the Social Impact of the Third Sector: Approaches and Challenges
Tugce Beycan & Christian Suter	Measuring Capabilities and Multidimensional Poverty through Three Different Approaches: Evidence from Turkey

Author(s)	Paper title
Branko Boskovic	Social Investment as the Tool against Inequality: European Experience
Ka-Ki Chan & Tat-Chor Au Yeung	A Study of Young Working People's Retirement Planning in Hong Kong
Hsin-Chieh Chang & Yang-Chih Fu	Enduring Gender Differences in General Health from 1990 and Beyond: Evidence from the Taiwan Social Change Survey
Hsin-Chieh Chang	No Pain, No Gain: Social Relationships, Perceived Discrimination, and Wellbeing among Vietnamese Marriage Migrants in Taiwan and South Korea
Wing-Hong Chui & Mathew Wong	Gender Differences in Happiness and Life Satisfaction among Adolescents in Hong Kong: Relationships and Self-concept
Seydou Dicko & Naoya Ito	Modelling Pro-health Behaviours: How an Extended RANAS with Trust May Predict the Adoption of Toilets in Burkina Faso?
Alessandro Fergnani	Measuring the Aggregate Level of Loss Aversion as a Proxy for the Level of Competitiveness of a Society
Joëlle Gaymu & Loïc Trabut	Spatial Segregation or Integration: The Political Response after 20 Years of Transformation in the Living Arrangements of Dependent Seniors in France
Michael Gebel	The Transition from Education to Work and Youths' Well-being. Evidence from German Panel Data
Hiroo Harada	Well-being/Happiness in Japan: From a Questionnaire Survey on Lifestyle and Values
Pi-Chun Hsu & Haw-Jen Chiou	Gender Equity and Fertility Intentions in Taiwan
Masayuki Kanai	The Effect of Subjective Mobility on Life Satisfaction: Comparison between Japan and Korea
Hui-Ju Kuo & Yang-Chih Fu	The Composition of Environmental Concern: Testing Measurement Equivalence across 32 Countries

Author(s)	Paper title
Éva Lelièvre, Léonard Moulin & Nicolas Robette	Happiness, Good Health and Well-being in a Life Course Perspective: Quantitative Collections and Analysis of Sequences of Subjective Indicators
Chun-Hao Li & Shu-Yao Hsu	Social Networks and Happiness of Female Immigrants in Transnational Marriages in Taiwan
Josef Kuo-Hsun Ma	Inequalities of Digital Learning Opportunities: A Comparison between Elite Schools and Poor Schools across 42 Countries
Georg P. Mueller	Gender Inequality under Different National Welfare Regimes: An Empirical Evaluation with Entropy Measures from Information Theory
Shirley Nuss	The Future of Social Indicators to Enhance Empowerment and Protection of Older Persons
Amritorupa Sen	Questioning Closeness- Helpful Tie as a New Dimension in Social Capital Research
Chao Shi & Kenneth C. Lan	The Data Envelopment Analysis and Equal Weights/Minimax Methods of Composite Social Indicator Construction: A Methodological Analysis of Data Sensitivity and Robustness
Joonmo Son	Three Sources of Social Isolation and Depression in Korean and Chinese Elderly
Eiji Sumi	Income Inequality, Social Capital and Subjective Well-being: Evidence from Japan
Yu Tao, Wendy Hui Wang, Kristyn Karl & Paige Brown	Digital Divide in the United States: Age and Online Privacy
Ming-Chang Tsai	The Good, the Bad, and the Ordinary: A Reanalysis of "Typical Day" Experiences Across the Globe
Nataliya Velikaya & Nataliya Belova	Small and Medium-sized Cities in Russia: The Quality of Life and Quality of Power in the Context of the Local Government Reform
Yung Yau	Disability and Inequality of Happiness: A Cross-cultural Study of Little People in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taipei

Author(s)	Paper title
Hsiu-Jen Yeh	Well-Being Consequences of Early Adversity, Socioeconomic Status, and Health in Taiwan: A Life Course Perspective
Shu-Qin Zhou & Xiao-Hua Zhong	The Localization of Social Governance Indicators in China

8. Winner of the Ruut Veenhoven Award 2016

- Announcement winner of the Ruut Veenhoven Award 2016

Announcement

Louis Tay
Winner of the Ruut Veenhoven Award 2016



Louis Tay

Louis Tay is an Assistant Professor of Industrial-Organizational Psychology at Purdue University in the United States. He obtained his PhD in 2011 at the University of Illinois, where he also worked as a Postdoctoral Associate. Central to Tay's research is the question how we can conceptualize wellbeing and increase wellbeing of societies, organizations and individuals. He has published in scientific journals such as *Organizational Research Methods*, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, and *Psychological Science*. His work has also been featured in media outlets such as *Wall Street Journal*, *Scientific American*, and *Psychology Today*.

Ruut Veenhoven

Prof. dr. Ruut Veenhoven (1942) is emeritus professor of *Social Conditions for Human Happiness* at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. He studied sociology, and is also accredited in social psychology and social sexology. Veenhoven is a pioneer in research of happiness and is often called *The Happiness Professor*. He is the founding director of the World Database of Happiness, a web-based archive of research findings on happiness, and a founding editor of the *Journal of Happiness Studies*.

Share this invitation

Please feel free to share this invitation and forward it to friends, colleagues or others who might be interested.



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Ruut Veenhoven Award Seminar 2016

The Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organisation (EHERO) announces that the Ruut Veenhoven Award 2016 will be awarded to dr. Louis Tay and invites you to attend the Award ceremony on November 22nd.

Date Tuesday 22 November. Reception at 12.45. Programme starts at 13.15 and ends at 16.15, followed by drinks.

Location Forumzaal (M3-15) Van Der Goot Building, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Campus Woudestein, Burgemeester Oudlaan 50, Rotterdam.

Registration Entry is free. Since the number of seats is limited, registration is required at www.ehero.nl.

Program
Ruut Veenhoven
 The 'happiness professor' Prof. dr. Veenhoven will give a lecture on developments in happiness research
Martijn Burger
 The academic director of the Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organisation will give a lecture on developments in the field of happiness economics

EHERO
 Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organisation
 Will grant the Veenhoven Award 2016 and present the jury report

Louis Tay
 Winner of the Ruut Veenhoven Award 2016 will present:

Happy and sad at the same time?

How to understand and measure happiness in light of mixed feelings

During the Ruut Veenhoven Award seminar, dr. Louis Tay will present his winning article from *Emotion Review* "Why Self-Reports of Happiness and Sadness May Not Necessarily Contradict Bipolarity: A Psychometric Review and Proposal". This article focuses on the question whether happiness and sadness are two opposite extremes of the same 'bipolar' concept (affect) or two different emotions. Usually, it is assumed that if people can experience happiness and sadness at the same time, they must represent two distinct emotions. However, Tay argues that this is not necessarily the case. For example, if someone is in a neutral mood, she or he is quite likely to indicate feeling both a bit sad and a bit happy. Only the experience of extreme happiness and sadness at the same time would be clear evidence that they are separate emotions. However, such cases have not yet been shown.