



THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WELLBEING & PUBLIC POLICY

Wednesday 5 - Friday 7 September, 2018

Wellington, New Zealand

Hosted by [VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON](#), the [NEW ZEALAND TREASURY](#) and
the [INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF WELLBEING](#)

Venue: Victoria University of Wellington, Pipitea Campus (**Rutherford House**) and the
New Zealand Parliament Buildings (the **Beehive**).

About the conference

This third in the series of international conferences on *Wellbeing and Public Policy* will (1) critically evaluate the rapidly expanding field of wellbeing research across a range of disciplines; (2) share the work of leading international organisations; and (3) distil ideas and practices which will aid governments in developing a wellbeing approach to public policy.

The first in this series of conferences was held in Wellington in July 2012 (for a review see [here](#)). The second conference was held at Hamilton College, New York in 2014 (for a review see [here](#)). This third in the series will bring together leading scholars on wellbeing, speakers from several international organisations and senior practitioners with experience in applying wellbeing principles to public policy.

The conference will provide extensive opportunity for participants to network and gain exposure to the latest theoretical, empirical and policy related ideas on wellbeing. **As such we are open to a variety of disciplines and methodologies.** To enhance participants' experience, collaboration and networking opportunities, a social activity is expected to follow the conference on Saturday, 8 September.

Our four plenary speakers include **Edward Diener** (the University of Utah and the University of Virginia, USA), **Martijn Burger** (Director, Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organization, the Netherlands), **Jan-Emmanuel De Neve** (University of Oxford, United Kingdom) and **Carla Anne Houkamau** (the University of Auckland). Ministers and senior officials from the New Zealand Government will participate in the conference as will members of leading international organisations, including the OECD.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference themes

- a. Wellbeing and inequality
- b. Culture, indigeneity and wellbeing (incorporating Māori wellbeing)
- c. Wellbeing, hope and perceptions of the future
- d. Sustainability, capital stocks and wellbeing
- e. Children's wellbeing
- f. Wellbeing, utilitarianism and the capabilities approach
- g. Technology and wellbeing
- h. Wellbeing - cause or effect?
- i. Wellbeing: policy and practice

Submit an abstract

Submission should include author's full name and affiliation, paper's title and a short abstract - no longer than 250 words. To submit an abstract please visit the conference website [here](#).

Timeline (2018)

1. Monday 30th April: Abstracts due
2. Monday 21st May: Acceptance notification by email
3. Monday 25th June: Early bird registration due
4. Monday 30th July: Full registration due
5. Wednesday 5th - 7th September: Day registration

Publication opportunities

The International Journal of Wellbeing regularly publishes high-quality articles on wellbeing and public policy. Presenters at the conference are strongly encouraged to submit their papers to the journal. A substantial number of high-quality submissions will result in a special issue on wellbeing and public policy.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Wellington!

Wellington is New Zealand's centre of government and politics, and is also considered the country's cultural capital. Wellington enjoys high levels of innovation, diversity and creativity. Deutsche Bank named Wellington the city with the best quality of life in 2017. For more on Wellington see [here](#).

Enquiries

Please email Philip.morrison@vuw.ac.nz under the subject heading **WaPP3 enquiry**.

Committee

Conference committee members include: **Dr Philip Morrison**, Professor at the School of Geography, Victoria University of Wellington; **Suzy Morrissey**, Office of the Chief Economic Adviser, the New Zealand Treasury; **Dr Arthur Grimes**, Professor at the School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington, inaugural holder of the Chair of Wellbeing and Public Policy and Senior Fellow at Motu Economic and Public Policy Research in Wellington; **Dr Samuel Becher**, Associate Professor at the School of Accounting and Commercial Law, Victoria University of Wellington; **Conal Smith**, Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, Victoria University of Wellington; **Dr Dan Weijers**, Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Waikato University; and **Dr Aaron Jarden**, Senior Research Fellow at Flinders University and Head of Research at the Wellbeing and Resilience Centre at the South Australia Health & Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI).