



# WELLBEING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

## DEEM Workshop

A joint workshop hosted by the Research Centre for the study of Developing Economies and Emerging Markets (DEEM) University of Reading, and the DSA study group, Wellbeing and Psycho-social Perspectives in Development.

Friday 27 March 2015

2.00pm-5.30pm, Carrington 201

*The workshop is free of charge. Coffee and tea will be provided.*

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## WELCOMED SPEAKERS

Dr Laura Camfield

Dr Laura Camfield's research focuses on exploring, measuring and understanding subjective well-being in developing countries; studying experiences of poverty and resilience using qualitative and mixed methods approaches; and children and young people. The countries she works in most frequently are Ethiopia and Thailand; but she has also conducted and managed research in Vietnam, Pakistan, Andhra Pradesh (India), Bangladesh, Peru, and UK/Europe" (taken from her webpage at UEA).

## **Dr Antonia Fernandez**

University of Reading

Dr Antonia Fernandez's research focuses mainly on gender, power and well-being, studying the intrinsic and instrumental value of agency. Her other research focuses are the intersectionality of gender and ethnicity and gender and microfinance. Her research to date has focused mainly on Indonesia".

## **Professor J. Allister McGregor**

Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex

Professor J.Allister McGregor uses his background in economics and anthropology to study the ways that systems of governance and the formulation and implementation of development policies impact upon poor people. His most recent work has been on conceptualising and then operationalising a social conception of wellbeing both as a way of critically analysing the persistence of poverty and as a means of re-evaluating development policy and practice" (taken from his webpage at IDS).

## **Dr Sridhar Venkatapuram**

King's College London

Dr Sridhar Venkatapuram is a Lecturer in global health and philosophy, and Director of the MSc in Global Health & Social Justice. Sridhar's research and expertise is in global/public health, human rights, ethics and philosophy. He aims to bridge normative reasoning, particularly about social justice, with relevant natural and social sciences related to human health" (taken from his webpage at King's).

## **Dr Sarah White**

University of Bath

Dr Sarah White is a sociologist concerned with international development and wellbeing. Her research concerns the ways that social identities, culture and relationships are engaged and represented in development processes. Her main research experience is in South Asia, and particularly Bangladesh" (taken from her webpage for Bath). She is the convenor of the DSA group on 'Wellbeing and Psycho-Social Perspectives in Development.'

# PROGRAMME

14:00 -14:15 Registration

14:15 -14:20 Opening address

14:20 -14:50 Wellbeing, Happiness, or Capabilities in development programmes? Dr Sridhar Venkatapuram

14:50 -15:20 Economics and Subjectivities of Wellbeing in Chiawa, Zambia Dr Sarah White

15:20 -15:50 Paradigm wars or paradigm peace? Reflections on taking a mixed methods approach to researching wellbeing. Dr Laura Camfield

15:50 - 16:20 Tea/Coffee

16:20 -16:50 Agency and well-being: the case of Indonesia Dr Antonia Fernandez

16:50 -17:20 TBC Professor Allister McGregor

17:20 – 17:30 Closing address

A dinner will be held following on from the workshop. Please let us know of any dietary requirements and book your place with our Events Coordinator Aleiah Potter:

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