Berlin Network for Research on Well-Being
7th Annual Meeting 2026

When? 26th and 27th of February 2026

Where? Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Melanchthonianum, Universitätsplatz 9, 06108 Halle

Thursday, 26th of February 2026

10:00-11:00 Arrival and registration (Foyer)

11:00-12:00 Panel Discussion – The Future of Wellbeing Research (Room HS XX)

Leonie Steckermeier (RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau)
Ronnie Schöb (Free University Berlin)
Martijn Burger (Erasmus University Rotterdam)
Gundi Knies (Thünen institute Braunschweig)

Moderated by Juliane Victor (IAMO Halle)

12:00-13:00 Light lunch (Foyer)

13:00-14:30 Session 1a. Workers (Room C), chair: Antje Jantsch

Martijn Burger (Erasmus University Rotterdam): Employee Well-Being and Customer Satisfaction: A Natural Experiment

Laszlo Goerke (IAAEU Trier): Councils of Contentment: Works Councils and Income Perceptions

13:00-14:30 Session 1b. Environment (Room D), chair: Katharina Kolb

Yasmine Bakr (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg): Navigating the Energy Transition: The Impacts of Germany's 2020 Coal Phase-Out Legislation on Macro-Level Worries

Corin Blanc (CNRS Paris): London Clearing: Low Emission Zones Calling for Well-Being

14:30-15:00 Coffee break (Foyer)

15:00-16:30 BeWell's First Ever Poster Session (Medienraum)

Alan Piper (University of Leeds): The Wellbeing of Those Living with Narcissists

Lea Hildermeier (Centre for Higher Education, Gütersloh): Wellbeing in Digital Higher Education: Towards Health-Promoting Cultures

Loris Piccotti (University of Luxembourg): An Atlas of Adaptation: Major Life and Economic Events in Longitudinal Data

Ricarda Kochems (University of Bremen): Towards an Integrated Understanding of Happiness in Research and Practice: Mapping Concepts, Measurements, Determinants, and Outcomes Across Disciplines within an Integrative Framework of Happiness and Well-Being

15:00-16:30 BeWell's First Ever Poster Session – continued

Yue Huang (IAAEU Trier): She Manages the Money – He Spends It: Income Management and Spousal Expenditure Gap in Japan

Vidhya Unnikrishnan (Lancaster University): Life Evaluation and Trust in the Government

Stephanie Hess (University of Magdeburg): Which Life Makes You Happy? The Satisfaction Dividend of the Prosperous, the Exciting, the Cosy, and the Sustainable Life

Clemens Hetschko (University of Leeds): The Social Norm to Work: A Cross-Cultural Randomised Trial

16:30-18:00 Session 2a. Life Events (Room C), chair: Sachintha Fernando

Julia Schmidtke (IAB Nuremberg): Are the Unemployed More Miserable in Times of Crisis?

Rafael Warkotsch (University of Hildesheim): Internal Migration and Young Adults' Life Saitsfaction: Effects of Socio-Spatial Stratification

16:30-18:00 Session 2b. Money (Room D), chair: Ronnie Schöb

Carina Keldenich (University of Magdeburg): Connecting the Dots: Continuity in the Relationship Between Income and Emotional Well-Being

Manja Derlin, Carina Keldenich (University of Magdeburg): Income and Affective Well-Being

19:00 Conference dinner, Koffij, Leipziger Straße 70, 06108 Halle

Friday, 27th of February 2026

09:00-10:30 Session 3a. Externalities (Room C), chair: Antje Jantsch

Li Kathrin Rupieper (Leibniz University Hannover): Non-Formal Education and Subjective Well-Being

Sarah Najm (University of Newcastle): Socioeconomic Inequalities and Well-Being Gains from the Arts

09:00-10:30 Session 3b. Europe (Room D), chair: Christoph Wunder

Leonie Steckermeier (RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau): Life Dissatisfaction and Sexism in Europe: How Economic Gender Equality Contributes to Hostile and Benevolent Sexism

Sebastian Will (BiB Wiesbaden): Between Dream and Default: Owner-Occupation and Life Satisfaction across Europe

10:30-11:00 Coffee break (Foyer)

11:00-13:00 Session 4. Gender (Room B), chair: Andreas Knabe

Monika Oczkowska (SGH Warsaw School of Economics): Gender Disparities at Work over the Lifecourse: Are Women Less Satisfied with the Main Job of Their Working Career?

Piotr Larysz (Free University Berlin): Gender Identity, Norms, and Happiness

Juliane Hennecke (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg): The Hidden Cost of Crime: Crime Victimization and Mental Health

13:00-14:00 Farewell, light lunch (Foyer)

14:00-15:30 Guided City Tour (for free, meeting point: outside the building – watch out for two lions!)