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THE QUALITY OF LIFE CONFERENCE

Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe

ISQOLS 2014

Free University Berlin, September 15 – 18, 2014

Conference Website: www.isqols.org/berlin2014

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Call for Papers

The International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) and the Free University Berlin (FU Berlin) invite researchers from all disciplines, policy makers and practitioners from across the globe to participate in the 2014 Quality of Life Conference “Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe”. We invite you to join an exciting convening of quality of life thinkers September 15-18, 2014. This interdisciplinary ISQOLS conference will be hosted at the Free University in Berlin, Germany in conjunction with the departments of psychology, sociology, and economics and in cooperation with the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin). More details about the topics, sessions, fees, and publication opportunities are available at www.isqols.org/berlin2014.

ISQOLS is a multidisciplinary society encouraging the pursuit of quality of life studies and application. This international group convenes regularly to share ideas and findings, and actively supports the dissemination of findings and thoughts via its journal and newsletter, *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, and *Social Indicators Network News* as well as its allied publications (see www.isqols.org/resources/publications). We encourage all disciplines and perspectives to join us to promote quality of life globally via research, policy, and partnerships. Come explore new horizons in quality of life with us.

Conference Theme and Topics:

Our theme is “Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe” and we welcome papers from all related disciplines. Submissions on issues of happiness, well-being, and any dimension of quality of life are welcome.

Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations

- Foundations for quality of life and happiness
- Views on quality of life in new philosophical approaches (e.g., capability approach, new realism)
- New impacts of neurosciences and behavioral sciences on quality of life
- Preservation of living conditions and intergenerational justice

Empirical Applications

- Causes and consequences in happiness and quality of life
- Social indicators – instruments for the improvement and preservation of quality of life
- Living conditions and life domains
- Living conditions and quality of life over the life cycle

Databases and Methods

- Statistical methods and multidimensional applications for measurement of quality of life
- New survey methods for the measurement of happiness and quality of life
- Databases and -sources

Community and Regional Perspectives, and Global Trends

- Quality of life in the local and regional environment including community well-being, planning, and development
- Trends in poverty, inequality and the distribution of living conditions in cross-national perspectives
- Global impacts (increasing world population, global economics, limits of resources) on the distribution of living conditions within and between countries

Everyday Life Experiences and Political Debates

- Applications for the indication and improvement of living conditions in everyday life
- Best practices and institutional settings for the preservation of living conditions
- Civil society, welfare state, suffering and resilience, and well-being
- Beyond GDP – review of debates and agenda for action

How to Submit Your Proposal

Please submit your proposed *abstract* of approximately 500 words with a list of 3-5 keywords using the following e-mail: berlin2014@isqols.org. If you intend to organize a *session*, please contact us directly at berlin2014@isqols.org. For new sessions we need a proposal of 500-1000 words together with a list of potential papers. All submitted abstracts and session proposals will be reviewed by established ISQOLS members in collaboration with the conference organizers. There will be the opportunity to submit your paper for publication consideration in a special issue and book volume. More information will be available at www.isqols.org/berlin2014.

Deadlines:

Conference Date:	September 15–18, 2014 at the Henry Ford Building of the Free University Berlin, Germany
Submission of Abstracts:	May 1, 2014
Announcement of Acceptance:	May 30, 2014
Registration:	June 1-August 31, 2014
Late Registration:	September 1, 2014-conference (late registration fees)

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