

Towards a Comprehensive Measurement of Well-being:

Series of invited lectures: <https://www.inegi.org.mx/eventos/2020/towards/>

Countries around the world have a strong need for better data on multidimensional well-being. The purpose of these series of invited lectures is to explore best practice in specific topics of the design, implementation and use of household surveys and other relevant statistical tools for measuring multidimensional well-being. The Specialized Technical Group on the Measurement of Income and Well-being (GTMI) is a group of Mexican experts tasked with providing recommendations for a new national household survey to measure household income and its distribution, as well as other dimensions of people's well-being in Mexico.

INEGI (the Mexican National Institute of Statistics and Geography), the OECD and the IBERO (Universidad Iberoamericana) are joining forces to explore the current state of the art in the field. These series of invited lectures will be open to members of the GTMI, and other statisticians, scholars and researchers in diverse fields. They also contribute to [OECD-EC-ECLAC project on Metrics for Policies for Well-being](#), a regional initiative aiming to inform policy dialogue across Latin America on the measurement of well-being and sustainable development, and to propose steps for addressing statistical gaps (part of the EU Regional Facility on Development in Transition).

Objective: To inform the recommendations of the Mexican expert group, GTMI, towards designing a new national household survey for measuring income and well-being.

Lecture 1, June 26, 8:00 Mexico/15:00 Paris

Invited Lecture: **Multi-dimensional measurement of people's well-being: the OECD experience.**

Presenter: **Marco Mira D'Ercole**, OECD

Chair: **Graciela Teruel**, IBERO

Q&A from GTMI, LA-NSOs and other invited persons

Lecture 2, July 3, 8:00 Mexico/15:00 Europe

Invited Lecture: **Multidimensional well-being surveys: the experience of EU-SILC**

Presenters: **Emilio Di Meglio** and **Estefania Alaminos**, EUROSTAT

Chair: **Gerardo Leyva**, INEGI

Q&A from GTMI, LA-NSOs and other invited persons



Lecture 3, July 10, 16:00 Mexico/July 11, 9:00 New Zealand
Invited Lecture: **Indicators Aotearoa: The New Zealand Experience**

Presenter: **Mark Turner** and **John Morris**, Stats New Zealand

Chair: **John Scott**, CIDE

Q&A from GTMIB, LA-NSOs and other invited persons

Lecture 4, July 17, 9:00 Mexico/15:00 UK

Invited Lecture: **Innovations in household survey methodology**

This session will present innovations in survey design and use, to improve data quality and coverage.

Presenter: **Paul Smith**, University of Southampton

Chair: **Emilio López Escobar**, Quantos

Q&A from GTMIB, LA-NSOs and other invited persons

Lecture 5, July 24, 8:00 Mexico/15:00 Paris

Invited Lecture: **OECD work on the distribution of household income and wealth.**

Presenter: **Carlotta Balestra**, OECD

Chair: **Miguel del Castillo**, ECLAC

Q&A from GTMIB, LA-NSOs and other invited persons

Lecture 6, July 31, 8:00 Mexico/15:00 Prague

Invited Lecture: **Using administrative records to improve the measurement of the distribution of household income and wealth**

Presenter: **Nikolas Mittag**, CERGE-EI, Charles University, Czech Republic (C)

Chair: **Raymundo Campos**, Banxico (C)



Presenters:

Marco Mira d'Ercole. Is Head of the Division for *Household Statistics and Progress Measurement* in the Statistics Directorate of the OECD. He has worked on measures of well-being, income distribution and various aspects of social policies He has been one of the “rapporteurs” of the Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress established by President Sarkozy in early 2008. Since joining the OECD he has worked in the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, in the Economics Department and in the Private Office of the OECD Secretary General, as well as spending two years at the International Monetary Fund. He holds a degree in Economics from the University of Modena and a M.Phil in Economics from Oxford University.

Estefanía Alaminos. Is a statistician of the Income and Living Conditions Unit at Eurostat in Luxembourg. Her prior positions include statistician at the International Labour Organisation in Geneva, researcher and professor at the University of Barcelona, and professor at ESIC-Business & Marketing School. She holds a PhD in Business from the University of Barcelona, a Master's degree in Statistics and Operations Research from the Polytechnic University of Catalunya, a Master's degree in Actuarial Science and Finance, and a Master's degree in Economics both from the University of Málaga. Estefanía's research interests include actuarial modelling in life insurance, income inequality, economics of ageing, heterogeneity in mortality, welfare state and gender gaps.

Emilio Di Meglio. Is team leader for survey production at the Income and Living Conditions Unit at Eurostat (European Commission) in Luxembourg. His prior positions include statistician at the methodological team of Eurostat, researcher at Electricité de France and professor at the University of Napoli. He holds a PhD in Computational Statistics from the University of Napoli and a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Napoli. He has been visiting scholar at the Helsinki University of technology. Emilio's research interests include data and text mining, income statistics, technologies for data processing.

Mark Turner completed his PhD on quality of life following traumatic spinal cord injuries at the University of Otago.

He then worked as a researcher in mental health at the Christchurch School of Medicine, developing a national outcomes framework for young people with first episode psychosis: The First Episode Research New Zealand (FERNZ) Network.

Developing outcome frameworks in these two high-needs populations gave Mark an excellent grounding in the evaluation of wellbeing and the



methodological and logistical issues involved in establishing national wellbeing initiatives.

Mark worked as a social recovery advisor for the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA). CERA was the government department set up to lead and coordinate the Government's response and recovery efforts following the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011 in Canterbury. Here he developed and implemented the Canterbury Wellbeing Index, to track the progress of the social recovery using data from multiple government agencies.

Following this, Mark moved to Stats NZ and worked on the 2018 Census before starting on the Indicators Aotearoa NZ initiative in 2018.

John Morris, John is a senior analyst at Stats NZ. He has been at Stats NZ for over 30 years and has been involved in a number of roles associated with the production of statistics and latterly the management of the government data system. John was involved in the development of the Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand suite of indicators from early 2018. He is currently working on developing indicators that better reflect wellbeing from the viewpoint of the indigenous population of New Zealand (the Māori).

Paul Smith joined Southampton Statistical Sciences Research Institute (S3RI) in September 2014 and is now Professor of Official Statistics, with a particular interest in sampling and estimation methods in government surveys.

"It is important to have evidence on the best survey methods so that high quality official statistics can be produced efficiently".

Paul graduated in Botany and Maths from the University of Wales in Bangor, and has an MSc in Statistics from Sheffield University. He worked for 25 years in the Office for National Statistics, spending most of that time in the Methodology area, where he gained extensive experience in the theory and practice of sample surveys applied to businesses, households and the population census.

Paul is a member of the Royal Statistical Society, an elected member of the International Statistical Institute, and a member of the International Association of Survey Statisticians and International Association for Official Statistics. He is the Discussion Papers Editor for the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society and Associate Editor for Survey Methodology and the Journal of Official Statistics. He also chairs Understanding Society's Methodology Advisory Committee.

Carlotta Balestra, is a Policy Analyst at the OECD working on advancing how societies define and improve well-being. She has contributed to the work



behind the *OECD Better Life Initiative* — including the *Better Life Index* and the report *How's Life? Measuring Well-Being* — and she currently coordinates a number of analytical and statistical projects on the measurement of well-being inequalities, including the *OECD Income Distribution Database*, the *OECD Wealth Distribution Database* and the *OECD Time Use Database*. In 2015, she conceptualised and contributed to the development of the *OECD Compare Your Income* web-tool (www.compareyourincome.org), which allows to assess people's perceptions of income inequality. Carlotta has published in peer-reviewed academic journals and contributed chapters in collected volumes, such as the *Handbook of Research on Economic and Social Well-being*. She holds a PhD in Computational Methods in Economics and Finance from the University of Bergamo, as well as a Master's degree in Economics and a PhD in Economics both from the Catholic University of Louvain.

Nikolas Mittag has been an Associate Professor with Tenure since 2019 and an Assistant Professor as of September 2013 till 2019 at CERGE-EI (under U.S. permanent charter). He also has been Associate Professor with Tenure on CERGE, Charles University, since 2019. He has been working as a Researcher at the Economics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences since September 2013. He received his B.A. degree in Philosophy & Economics from the University of Bayreuth (2007) and his Ph.D. in Public Policy Studies from the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago.

