

INTERNATIONAL  
SOCIETY FOR  
QUALITY OF  
LIFE STUDIES

2022 AWARDS



# **ISQOLS AWARDS 2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

## **General Awards Committee:**

**Co-Chairmen: Daniel Shek (Hong Kong) and Kai Ludwigs (Germany)**

**Members: Joe Sirgy (USA); Graciela Tonon (Argentina); Talita Greyling (South Africa); Stephanie Rossouw (New Zealand); Martijn Burger (The Netherlands)**

## **Best Dissertation Award Committee:**

**Jan Delhey and Francesco Sarracino  
Peter Krause, Stefan Hoefler, Heidi McGowan**

## **Best Annual ARQOL Awards Committee:**

**Daniel Shek and Esther Otten**



# THE AWARDS



# Best Dissertation Awards

The aim of the prize is to promote the activity of young researchers working on quality-of-life, happiness, and well-being issues.

All dissertations that have been successfully defended during the two calendar years prior to the award deadline are eligible for consideration.



# 2022 Best Dissertation Award: First Prize



**Caspar Kaiser**

*“Four essays on applied and methodological issues in the study of subjective life satisfaction”*



# 2022 Best Dissertation Award: Second Prize



**Emma Pleeging**

*“Understanding hope. Insights into the definition, relevance and measurement of hope from an interdisciplinary perspective”*



# 2022 Best Dissertation Award: Second Prize



**Alberto Prati**

*“Memory and Subjective  
Well-Being. Empirical Analysis  
of Workers' and Consumers'  
Endogenous Recall Behaviors”*



# 2022 Best Dissertation Award: Honorable Mention



***Laura Dewitte***

*“Losing memory, losing meaning?  
Towards a deeper understanding  
of meaning in life in older adults  
with Alzheimer’s disease.”*





# Young Scholar Award

The basic requirement for eligibility to be designated a Young Scholar shall be evidence of a substantial contribution to QOL/well-being/happiness research and has completed his/her doctoral work during the last seven years.





**2022 Young Scholar Award  
Caspar Kaiser**

# 2022 Young Scholar Award

## Caspar Kaiser



- Two research foci: (1) Improving the statistical treatment and interpretation of wellbeing data in scientific analyses. (2) Using wellbeing data to inform key debates in academia and public discourse.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Wellbeing Research Centre and the Institute for New Economic Thinking, University of Oxford.
- Trustee and advisor to the Happier Lives Institute.
- Recipient of the inaugural Barnett House–Nuffield Scholarship.
- Recipient of the Best Paper Prize of the Oxford Department of Social Policy & Intervention.
- Published in leading international journals across the social sciences, including *Nature Human Behaviour*, *European Sociological Review*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*.
- Frequent reviewer for key outlets, including *Journal of Happiness Studies*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of European Social Policy*.

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**2022 Young Scholar Award  
Sarah Flèche**

# 2022 Young Scholar Award

## Sarah Flèche



- CNRS Research Fellow, Sorbonne Economics Centre,
- University Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, France
- Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics, London, UK
- PhD in Economics, Paris School of Economics, Paris, France
- Research interests: use large-scale datasets and birth cohort data, to study what predicts wellbeing over the life course and how we can improve wellbeing through public policy. Interests in child development, schools, labor markets, work conditions, time use, inequalities and gender.
- 12 publications including peer-reviewed journal articles, one book chapter and one book published at Princeton University Press
- “The Origins of Happiness”, with A. Clark, R. Layard, N. Powdthavee and G. Ward
- Given nearly 50 presentations in 10 countries.
- Occasional consultant for the OECD and the French Wellbeing Observatory



**2021 Young Scholar Award  
Kelsey J. O'Connor**

# 2021 Young Scholar Award

## Kelsey J. O'Connor



- Kelsey's goal is to contribute research leading ultimately to a redefinition of success in national discourse, thereby supporting systems, both public and private, to promote subjective well-being.
- Researcher at STATEC Research (Luxembourg)
- IZA Research Affiliate, GLO Fellow, and Gallup Research Advisor
- ISQOLS Co-Vice President of Professional Affairs & Board of Directors Member
- Advisory Panel Member for What Works Centre for Wellbeing (U.K.)
- Ph.D. Economics, University of Southern California
- 12 papers, two book chapters, one book review, and one dictionary entry, published or forthcoming in publications such as:
  - *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Kyklos, Oxford Economic Papers, Journal of Happiness Studies, Contemporary Economic Policy, Review of Behavioral Economics, International Journal of Community Well-Being, and The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences.*
- Contributed to the organization of three conferences, one workshop, and one seminar series, all regarding quality-of-life
- Given nearly 50 presentations in 15 countries

# Research Fellow Award

The basic requirement for eligibility to be designated a Research Fellow shall be evidence of a substantial contribution to QOL, wellbeing, happiness research







**2022 Research Fellow Award**  
**Francesco Sarracino**

# 2022 Research Fellow Award: Francesco Sarracino



- Main research goal: contributing to a socially and environmentally sustainable society.
- Research activity: informing evidence-based policies to promote people's well-being and sustainable development. Special emphasis on: income, social capital, and inequality. He also contributes to methodological survey research.
- Position: Senior economist at the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies of Luxembourg (STATEC). Head of the Research Unit on Well-being and Entrepreneurial Studies, and Deputy Head of the Research Division.
- Member of the World Wellbeing Panel, of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies, of the Australian Centre on Quality of Life, and an external expert of Eurofound. Recently became member of the Panel of Experts of Luxembourg Strategie, the direction of strategic foresight of the Ministry of Economy of Luxembourg.
- Ph.D. in Development Economics from the University of Firenze (Italy), in 2010.
- Authored/co-authored 28 articles in peer reviewed journals, edited 2 books, 7 chapters, 1 encyclopedic item on the Easterlin paradox, 1 (the first) report on quality of life in Luxembourg.
- Authored 12 popular scientific articles and regularly contribute a column to Infogreen.lu, a Luxembourg-based magazine on sustainability.
- 5 keynote speeches, including ISQOLS (2020), ISTAT (2018), and Eurostat General Assembly (2015).
- Co-organized 2 international conferences on quality of life (Siena, 2018 and Luxembourg 2022), and 1 winter school on Quality of Life (2015).
- Co-organize the Measuring Progress Webinar Series of STATEC.
- Co-supervision of 2 Ph.D. students, and 3 Master students.
- According to Google: h-index = 20; i10 index = 32; 1957 citations.



**2022 Research Fellow Award**

**Ada Ferrer-I-Carbonell**

# 2022 Research Fellow Award: Ada Ferrer-I-Carbonell



- Tenured Scientist, Institute for Economic Analysis (IAE) of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)
- Director of the World Well-Being Panel
- Director of Academic Programs, Barcelona School of Economics
- Program Director Economics of Public Policy Program, Barcelona School of Economics
- IZA & MOVE Research fellow; Barcelona School of Economics (BSE) affiliated.
- President of the Scientific Committee of the Barcelona Town Council.
- PhD from Tinbergen Institute and University of Amsterdam, 2003. Thesis title: Quantitative analysis of well-being with economic applications.
- Supervisor: Prof. B.M.S. van Praag.
- PhD from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY, 2003. Thesis title: Consumption, behavior, & the environment: Theoretical & empirical dimensions. Supervisor: Prof. J. Gowdy.
- Associate editor, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, April 2011 to October 2016.
- Ranked top 3% of all economists, and top 1% of female economists according to the RePec ranking; 12188 on Google scholar with an H-index = 32.
- Member of expert committees on governmental agencies in Catalonia and Spain on wellbeing projects.
- Given 24 invited talks, participated in round tables and other dissemination talks.
- Wrote with Bernard van Praag the book Happiness Quantified: A Satisfaction Calculus Approach. Oxford University Press, Oxford: UK, 2004.
- 30 journal publications and 9 book chapters; as well as dissemination articles and newspapers notes.

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# Distinguished Service Award

The basic requirement for eligibility to be given a Distinguished Service Award is outstanding service to the Society in a leadership position.





**2022 Distinguished Service Award**  
**Daniel Shek**

# 2022 Distinguished Service Award: Daniel Shek



- Chair Professor of Applied Social Sciences,  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)
- Associate Vice President, PolyU
- Li and Fung Endowed Professor in Service Leadership  
Education, PolyU
- Justice of the Peace, Hong Kong
- h-index (Google Scholars): 85
- Advisory Professor, East China Normal University
- Editor-in-Chief, Applied Research in Quality of Life
- Changjiang Chair Professor, PRC
- Recipients of two Bronze, one Silver and two Gold Awards in  
QS Reimagine Education Awards

# Distinguished Quality Of Life Researcher Award

The basic requirement for eligibility to be designated a Distinguished QOL Researcher shall be evidence of a lifetime and substantial contribution to QOL/wellbeing/happiness research.







**2022 Distinguished Quality  
Of Life Researcher Award  
Mariano Rojas**

# 2022 Distinguished QOL Researcher Award: Mariano Rojas



- **What has guided my research in all these years?**
- **□ General approach**
  - **Learning from all.** When theorizing about wellbeing, it is important to learn from people
  - **Measurement and validation.** Theories must be validated, and measurement of wellbeing is necessary for this task
  - **Action.** It is possible to intervene in social conditions to foster wellbeing in societies
  - **Trans-disciplinarity.** Trained as economist, but recognizing that there is more to life than income
- **Perspective**
  - It is important to do wellbeing research from all corners of the world
  - **There are lessons to be learned from all regions** of the world . . . and from researchers from all corners of the world
- **Research**
  - Papers, books, databases
  - Understanding **high happiness in Latin America.** There are lessons for the rest of the world . . . for example: **The joint enjoyment of life**
- **Measurement**
  - Measuring **the progress of societies**
  - Advising NSOs and NGOs on the measurement of wellbeing and society's progress.
- **Policy**
  - Development strategies, beyond GDP
  - **Happiness: A new development narrative**
  - Advising governments and NGOs on policies for wellbeing



**2021 Distinguished Quality  
Of Life Researcher Award  
Rhonda Phillips**

# 2021 Distinguished QOL Researcher Award: Rhonda Phillips



- Rhonda's research and outreach efforts focus on community quality of life and well-being with career achievements recognized with induction into the College of
- Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) and establishment of the ISQOLS Rhonda G. Phillips Endowed Track in Community Development and Community Well-Being.
- Other honors include three-time Fulbright Scholar, and UNESCO Core International Faculty Member in Community, Leadership and Youth Development.
- Author or editor of 30 books focusing on making the places we live better for all, including *The Handbook of Community Well-Being* (2017, Springer); *The Handbook of Community Development, Perspectives from Across the Globe* (2018, Routledge); *Sustainable Communities, Creating a Durable Local Economy*; *Community Development Indicators Measuring Systems*; and the text, *Introduction to Community Development*.
- Editor of the book series *Community Quality of Life and Well-Being* published by Springer in partnership with the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies
- Founding Editor of the book series *Community Development Research and Practice*, (Routledge and the Community Development Society) Co-founding Editor-in-Chief of the journal *International Journal of Community Well-Being*
- Co-founding Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Local Development & Society*
- Positions held with ISQOLS: President, beginning 2013 through December 31, 2016; Vice President, Programs, 2010-2012; helped transition ISQOLS operations to professional staff for nonprofit management, for stabilizing processes; implemented processes for conference hosting proposals and have helped transition to annual conferences, with dates confirmed multiple years in advance; created and appointed positions for Development (fundraising).

# Best Annual Applied Research in Quality Of Life (ARQOL) Paper

The basic requirement for eligibility for the Best ARQOL Paper Award is selection of the best paper in the last year of ARQOL.



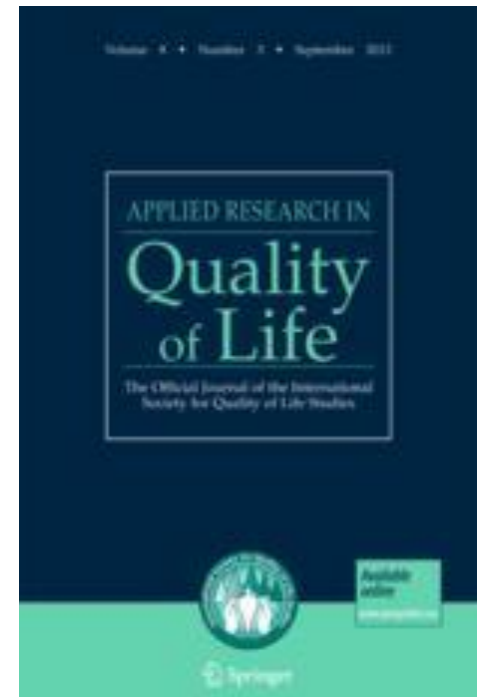
# 2022 Best Annual Applied Research in Quality of Life (ARQOL) Paper Award



Emma Pleeging, Martijn Burger & Job van Exel

*“The Relations between Hope and Subjective Well-Being: a Literature Overview and Empirical Analysis.”*

Applied Research Quality Life 16,  
1019–1041 (2021).



# Award for the Betterment of the Human Condition

The basic requirement for eligibility for this award is significant accomplishment by an organization (private or public sector organization) to the development and use of QOL measures in serving its constituency.





**WELLBEING  
ECONOMY**  
ALLIANCE



**2022 Award for the Betterment of the Human Condition**

**Wellbeing Economy Alliance**



# Wellbeing Economy Alliance



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## WEAll's Mission

The Wellbeing Economy Alliance is a time-bound project that is building momentum for economic transformation and changing the debate so that economies around the world deliver shared wellbeing for people and planet.

## WEAll is doing this by:

- **Strengthening, supporting, and connecting existing geographic and thematic power bases** at all levels of society, in priority countries, that together have the power to change the current global economic system.
- **Curating and democratising knowledge** that demonstrate the viability of a Wellbeing Economy approach, to influence change in local, national, and global arenas, as well as set the agenda for governments and institutions to sequence just transitions to Wellbeing Economies.
- **Co-creating new, powerful narratives of hope** to change the debate and mobilise millions of people of all ages and from all walks of life to act at local, national, and global levels in support of a shift to a Wellbeing Economy.