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## 2024 WINTER VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN WELL-BEING AND QUALITY OF LIFE STUDIES



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FEBRUARY 7 AND 8, 2024

**9 FEBRUARY BONUS DAY**  
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## 2024 International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Winter Virtual Conference Summary

### Conference statistics:

- 40 young scholar presentations
- 9 senior researcher presentations
- 19 discussants/mentors
- 17 unique time zones
- 100+ participants

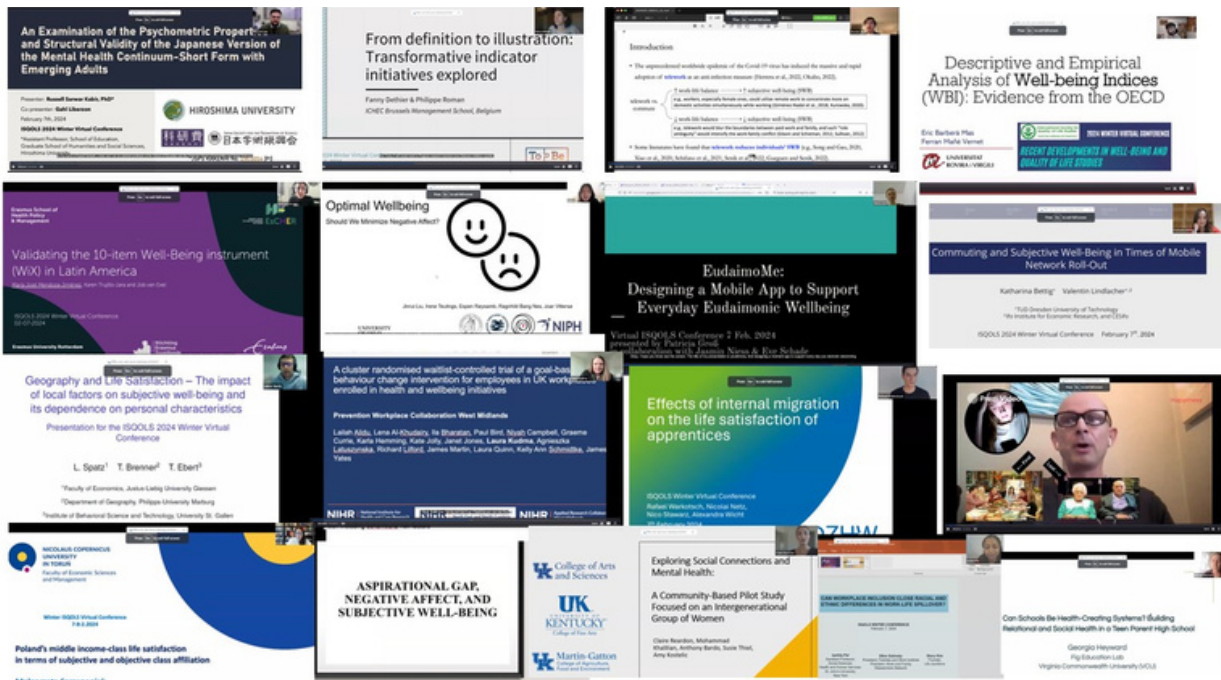
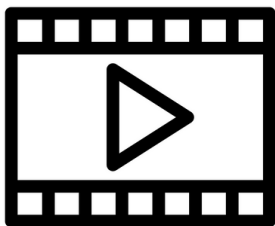
Our 2024 Winter Virtual Conference was intended to provide opportunities for our junior scholars to present their research, while receiving input and constructive advice from senior researchers. Senior researchers who submitted abstracts to the conference were invited to present their work on the bonus day on 9 February. Participants enjoyed the experience to engage with other like-minded researchers in the field of quality-of-life studies.

### CONFERENCE RECORDINGS AVAILABLE:

As a reminder, all registered participants have access to all of the conference session recordings on our virtual platform site.

#### Steps to view:

1. Login to: Event Details ([rdmobile.com](https://rdmobile.com))
2. click on "plan your event", click "schedule"
3. click on any of the sessions and click on "watch recording"





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### 2024 International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Virtual Winter Conference Reflections

As a presenter at the ISQOLS 2024 Winter Virtual Conference on the theme of 'Child, Student, and Family,' I am immensely grateful and fortunate to have had the opportunity to engage with such a knowledgeable and passionate community and share my research. I am immensely pleased to share my exciting experience and insights as a conference presenter.

First and foremost, I would like to express my appreciation for the exceptional moderator who skillfully navigated the sessions, ensuring a smooth flow of presentations and maintaining a conducive environment for meaningful conversations. Their expertise and ability to synthesize complex ideas were praiseworthy and fostered engaging discussions.

The comments and questions posed by the experts and participants were genuinely enlightening. I am grateful for the thoughtful feedback and constructive criticism that I received, which undoubtedly contributed to the refinement of my research. The diverse perspectives during the Q&A sessions challenged my assumptions and broadened my understanding of the subject matter. The active participation and intellectual rigor displayed by the attendees exemplified the spirit of scholarly discourse.

Moreover, I was particularly impressed by the supportive and inclusive atmosphere of the virtual conference. Despite the physical distance, a palpable sense of community prevailed. The willingness of attendees to share their own experiences and insights further enhanced the depth and breadth of the discussions. Witnessing the genuine commitment of everyone involved in advancing the well-being of children, students, and families across different contexts was heartening.

To sum up, the ISQOLS 2024 Winter Virtual Conference has been an invaluable experience for me as a presenter. It has inspired, motivated, and equipped me with new knowledge to further my research on diverse population groups' quality of life and well-being. I eagerly look forward to future opportunities to engage with this remarkable community once again.

**Md Hasan Howlader, PhD in Sociology and Social Policy, Lingnan University, Hong Kong**

I feel very privileged to have participated in the 'ISQOLS 2024 Winter Virtual conference'. The three-day conference under the theme 'Recent Developments in Well-Being and Quality of Life Studies' was one of a kind! It brought together researchers from all over the world, bearing in mind the different time zones when planning the programme so that presenters are not inconvenienced. What impressed me the most was that each session had two seasoned mentors who gave constructive feedback and guidance to the upcoming researchers after each presentation. It was also a very good networking opportunity for researchers as presentation sessions were organized based on both themes and time zones. Hence, it was very easy to attend presentations under themes of interest and exchange contacts with other researchers.

The session chairs were very friendly and supportive. I noted a few incidences where technology, internet or language failed and the session chairs would wait patiently and guide the presenters, where necessary. I recall a case where the session chair actually translated from a presenter's language to English and vice versa, to facilitate better communication between the presenter and the mentors. I was particularly humbled a day after my presentation when my session chair, Dr. Parviz Dabir followed me up with an email wishing me well in my research career and assuring me of his guidance, should I need it at any point. Just like other presenters, my presentation titled 'Measuring Community Wellbeing in the Changing African Society: The Kenyan Situation' received constructive feedback that has been very useful as we work to improve the indices for use in the near future. I wish to thank the conference organizers, mentors and participants for the great learning experience.

**Pauline Thuku, Karatina University- Kenya**

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