



Spatial aspects of wellbeing, addiction, and crime

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Abstract

The geography of wellbeing and its challenges has gained traction in regional economic research in the last 15 years. Research has largely mapped the spatial footprint of multidimensional wellbeing and some of its dimensions, such as mental health, loneliness, addiction, and crime. It has also identified some of the impacts of wellbeing inequalities such as discontent and poor health outcomes. However, questions remain open on the triggers and drivers of wellbeing, particularly in relation to the natural and built environment within which people live and work. This session aims to bring together researchers on the broad field of wellbeing to discuss its causes, impacts and policy interventions.

We invite abstracts that contribute (but not limited from) the following broad questions:

- What is the influence of built and natural environment on wellbeing inequalities?
- How are wellbeing inequalities shaped by access to green spaces, environmental degradation, and mobility constraints?
- How does proximity to triggers (i.e. gambling shops) affect harmful behaviour?
- What are the socioeconomic impacts of antisocial behaviour?
- How do personal and place characteristics interact to affect wellbeing?
- Is there an urban-rural dichotomy in wellbeing?
- What policies could be effective in addressing spatial disparities in wellbeing?