

British Sociological Association Happiness Study Group

'Sociology and the Study of Happiness'

Day Seminar Wednesday 15th September 2010

11am- 4pm

We are keen to begin the study group activities by hosting a seminar that explores some of the substantive but also the theoretical, philosophical and methodological issues that are faced by the sociological study of happiness. Papers may wish to address a range of questions:

- What is the relationship between wellbeing and happiness research?
- Is the study of happiness problematic for sociologists as it inevitably involves complex subjective processes that lie beyond the scope of sociology?
- How can traditional areas of sociological research around health, illness and employment for example shed light on issues of wellbeing and happiness?
- What role can the investigation of art, love, music, emotions and literature play in the sociological study of happiness?
- An interest in happiness raises questions about the cultural and historical construction of wellbeing and how these are transformed by processes of globalisation. How can sociologists integrate these concerns into the study of happiness?
- Is the current interest in happiness studies merely a reflection of the emergence of therapy culture and narcissism?
- If climate change implies a shift away from ever expanding economies and consumption does this suggest a greater discussion of what happiness means in a post-materialistic world?

Venue

British Sociological Association London Meeting Rooms
Suite 2, 2 Station Court, Imperial Wharf, Townmead Rd, Fulham SW6 2PY

See below for details and also at:

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/meetingroom.htm>

Please email abstracts of 200 words to Dr Mark Cieslik at Mark.Cieslik@Northumbria.ac.uk

Deadline for submission of abstracts Friday 28th May 2010

We will consider papers on a range of topics around sociology and happiness, the above questions are just a guide. Please email me for help on this matter.

Finding the BSA Meeting Room

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Despite its tranquil riverside location, transport links from Imperial Wharf are impressive.

Imperial Wharf Main Line Railway Station provides a new stop on the West London Line. The route from Stratford to Clapham Junction links Imperial Wharf to main line rail stations at Clapham Junction, West Brompton, Kensington Olympia, Shepherds Bush, West Hampstead, Highbury and Islington and Stratford and also links to the London Underground District, Central, Bakerloo, Jubilee and Victoria lines.

By underground, the West End and the City are only half an hour's ride away and Docklands can be reached in 45 minutes. Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and London City airports are also all readily accessible via public transport or road.

Timings are approximate only - source www.tfl.gov.uk.

Improved cycle paths, river buses (to Chelsea Embankment, Embankment and Blackfriars) and local taxi services also serve the development.

By Bus

Imperial Wharf is serviced by numerous bus routes, including the C3 route from Clapham Junction to Earl's Court (via Wandsworth Bridge, Chelsea Harbour and Lots Road), the 424 route from Putney Heath to Fulham Broadway (via Putney Bridge, Sands End and Fulham Broadway) and the 391 route from Richmond to Fulham Broadway (via Kew, Chiswick and Hammersmith).

For most delegates using public transport from central London, the quickest, most convenient route may be to take the Underground to Earls Court (Piccadilly or District lines), exit the station onto Earls Court Road and turn right for the C3 bus from Bus Stop A towards Clapham Junction/Falcon. The C3 runs approximately every 8-10 minutes and the journey time is approximately 20 minutes. The bus stop is Chelsea Harbour / Bagleys Lane and is opposite Jury's Inn and Mallard House. Follow the building round past Mallard House entrance, Roca Bathrooms entrance and Stephenson House entrance. The entrance to Station Court is immediately next to Stephenson House entrance. Press the buzzer to Suite 2 to get into the foyer and go up the stairs. At the top of the stairs go through the doorway on your right. Walk along the corridor until you find Suite 2 (on your left).

By Rail / Underground to Imperial Wharf station

From Kings Cross/St.Pancras Station take either the Circle or Hammersmith and City Line to Edgware Road Station, then change to the District line towards Wimbledon, exit at West Brompton Station. Take a Southern train to Clapham Junction and exit at Imperial Wharf station.

From Liverpool Street Station take the Central Line to Shepherds Bush station, walk to Shepherds Bush Rail Station (100m) then take an overground train towards Clapham Junction Station, exit at Imperial Wharf station.

From Paddington Station take the District line towards Wimbledon, exit at West Brompton station then take an overground train towards Clapham Junction Station, exit at Imperial Wharf station.

From Waterloo Station take the District line towards Wimbledon, exit at West Brompton station then take an overground train towards Clapham Junction Station, exit at Imperial Wharf station.

On Foot from Imperial Wharf station

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By Underground to Fulham Broadway station

The nearest underground station to the meeting room is Fulham Broadway, approximately 15-20 minutes walk (0.7miles/1.2km) from the meeting room. If you would prefer not to walk, take the underground to Earls Court Station (Piccadilly or District Line) and catch the C3 bus which stops opposite to the entrance to Station Court. – see details above.

From Kings Cross/St.Pancras Station take either the Piccadilly Line to Earls Court Station, then change to the District line towards Wimbledon, exit at Fulham Broadway Station, or take the Victoria Line to Victoria station then change to the District Line towards Wimbledon, exit at Fulham Broadway station.

From Euston Station take the Victoria Line to Victoria station, then change to the District line towards Wimbledon, exit at Fulham Broadway station.

From Liverpool Street Station take the Hammersmith and City Line to Aldgate East station, then change to the District line towards Wimbledon, exit at Fulham Broadway station.

From Paddington Station take the District line towards Wimbledon, exit at Fulham Broadway station.

On Foot from Fulham Broadway station

Delegates arriving into Fulham Broadway underground station on district line services should cross the road into Harwood Road as you come out of the station. At the end of Harwood Road turn right into King's Road. Take the first left into Bagley's Lane, which leads into Imperial Road. Look for the flags and mini-roundabout at the entrance to Imperial Wharf and Jury's Inn Chelsea (at the bottom of Imperial Road - Imperial Road / Townmead Road junction). From the entrance to Jury's Inn, keep left and follow the building round past Mallard House entrance, Roca Bathrooms entrance and Stephenson House entrance. The entrance to Station Court is immediately next to Stephenson House entrance. Press the buzzer to Suite 2 to get into the foyer and go up the stairs. At the top of the stairs go through the doorway on your right. Walk along the corridor until you find Suite 2 (on your left).

By Car

For those driving West, travelling down King's Road, you will pass the Christopher Wray Lighting Centre. Continue to the Tesco 'Metro' petrol station. Turn left into Edith Grove and at the roundabout go straight on into Harwood Terrace. At the end of this road turn left into Imperial Road. At the end of Imperial Road there is a roundabout. Turn left and you will be on Townmead Road.

For those coming from south of the river go over Wandsworth Bridge, take the first right at the lights into Townmead Road. Travel along Townmead Road over the mini-roundabout (Sainsbury's on your right). The site will appear on your right, after the Harbour Club.