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**CALL FOR PAPERS:
THE MEASUREMENT OF SUBJECTIVE WELL-BEING IN SURVEY
RESEARCH**

Subjective well-being has been a subject of research for many years, but interest in the subject has grown markedly in the past decade, including among official statisticians. The early efforts to measure subjective well-being in surveys were made by behavioural (psychometrics), economic (econometrics) and social scientists in academic settings. The subject is now recognized as having important policy applications, thus leading to the demand for the measurement of subjective well-being in both national and international official surveys. Significant problems related to survey context exist in developing effective measures of subjective well-being, and these problems are particularly acute when the measures are to be used for international or cross-cultural comparisons. In recognition of the importance of measuring subjective well-being in surveys and the challenges this presents, *Statistics in Transition* plans to publish a collection of papers on statistically relevant aspects of research on subjective well-being in its first issue next year (Vol. 16, No. 1). The aim is to provide an insightful overview of the theoretical, methodological, and practical issues involved.

Researchers are invited to submit papers on any aspect of the subject including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The conceptualization of subjective well-being and its multidimensional nature.
2. The operationalization and the measurement of subjective well-being, including the trade-offs involved (e.g., the number of items used in its measurement *vs.* the added response burden, the concern about validity and other methodological matters *vs.* a tendency to build upon existing methods and surveys).
3. The data collection methods used (e.g., if and how respondents' reports of their well-being are mode-dependent).
4. The uses made of the well-being measures and the analytic framework employed.
5. The interpretation of results, particularly for international comparisons.
6. Experiences in the use of subjective well-being measures in surveys.

In order to allow time for each submitted paper to go through a double-blind peer review process, papers should be submitted by December 30, 2014. For technicalities concerning editorial requirements and the submission procedure, please consult our 'Guidelines' link:

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