

## Health and Well-being in Cross-national Perspective

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**May 6-7, 2015, OSU Main Campus**

### About the Workshop

Current challenges of health and well-being increasingly call for researchers to apply a comparative and cross-national outlook and a willingness to collaborate across disciplines. This two-day workshop brings together a mix of scholars from Sociology and Public Health, to explore the substantive and methodological directions that lead to new, emergent knowledge of health and well-being.

### Structure:

**Day One** on Wednesday, May 6, to be held in the Mershon Center, is conference-style. Presenters will discuss issues related to health and well-being in cross-national perspective. Presenters include:

**Christopher Browning** “Activity Spaces and Adolescent Health in an Urban US Setting: Preliminary Findings from the Adolescent Health and Development in Context (AHDC) Study”

**Cynthia Colen** “Health Disparities among Middle-Class African Americans: Exposure to Childhood Disadvantage or Diminished Returns to Socioeconomic Status”

**Colin Odden and John Casterline** “Global Trends in Inter-Birth Intervals, 1965-2010”

**Eric Seiber** “Medicaid and Children with Immigrant Parents”

**Hui Zheng** “How Did Mortality Selection Change the Future of the Past? Consequences of Mortality Selection on Cohort Trends in Life-Course Mortality Patterns and Epidemiologic Transition”

**Jill Garratt - TBA**

**Day Two** on Thursday, May 7, to be held in the Department of Sociology, focuses on health and well-being in Central and Eastern Europe. It explores the possibilities that quantitative methodology opens for research design and analysis in this field, as scholars can use international public opinion surveys such as the European Social Survey (ESS), or national longitudinal surveys, e.g. the Polish Panel Survey (POLPAN), together with macro-level indicators.

The preliminary program:

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| 10:00 – 11:15 | Health and well-being in general public opinion surveys: Concepts, theories, and measures; official statistics from governments and international organizations.                               |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Coffee break   |
| 11:30 – 12:45 | Major survey projects on Europe and their questionnaire items on health and well-being. Using the European Social Survey (ESS) to analyze inequalities in health within and between countries. |
| 12:45 – 1:30  | Lunch  |

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| 1:30 – 2:45 | Longitudinal survey data on health and well-being: The Polish Panel Survey POLPAN – Part I.                       |
| 2:45 – 3:00 | Coffee break  |
| 3:00 – 4:00 | Longitudinal survey data on health and well-being: The Polish Panel Survey POLPAN – Part II. Closing discussions. |

### To Register

This workshop is open to OSU graduate and undergraduate students, as well as scholars from across the University, who interested in health and well-being in cross-national perspective. It promotes quantitative awareness and literacy, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Knowledge of statistics is not required.

There is no fee for attendance, but registration is required. To register, please email Dr. Irina Tomescu-Dubrow at [tomescu.1@osu.edu](mailto:tomescu.1@osu.edu) by **April 27, 2015 at 5 PM**. In your email, please indicate whether you would like to register for Day One, Day Two, or both.