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THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WELL-BEING & PUBLIC POLICY

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Venue: Victoria University of Wellington, Pipitea Campus (**Rutherford House**) and the Executive Wing of the New Zealand Parliament Buildings (the **Beehive**)

We are proud to announce the planning of this third in a series of international conferences on *Wellbeing and Public Policy*. The conference aims to (1) critically evaluate the rapidly expanding field of well-being research across a range of disciplines; (2) share the work of leading international organisations; and (3) distil ideas and practices which will aid governments in developing a well-being approach to public policy.

The first conference was held in Wellington in July 2012 (for a review see [here](#)). The second conference was held at Hamilton College, New York in 2014 (for a review see [here](#)). This third conference in Wellington will bring together leading scholars on well-being, a range of international organisations and senior practitioners with experience in applying well-being principles to public policy.

Three plenary speakers announced so far include [Edward Diener](#) (the University of Utah and the University of Virginia, USA), [Martin Burger](#) (Director, Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organization, the Netherlands) and [Carla Anne Houkamau](#) (Associate Professor, the University of Auckland). Ministers and senior official will participate in the conference. Speakers from leading international organisations have also been invited and details will be available shortly.

A Call for Papers will be issued in due course and will provide details on abstract submission, registration and our website. Enquiries may be addressed to the chair of the organising committee, Professor Philip Morrison, at Philip.morrison@vuw.ac.nz under the subject heading WaPP3 Announcement.

Conference committee members include: **Dr Philip Morrison**, Professor at the School of Geography, Victoria University of Wellington; **Suzy Morrissey**, Office of the Chief Economic Adviser, the New Zealand Treasury; **Dr Arthur Grimes**, Professor at the School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington, inaugural holder of the Chair of Wellbeing and Public Policy and Senior Fellow at Motu Economic and Public Policy Research in Wellington; **Dr Samuel Becher**, Associate Professor at the School of Accounting and Commercial Law, Victoria University of Wellington; **Conal Smith**, Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, Victoria University of Wellington; **Dr Dan Weijers**, Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Waikato University; and **Dr Aaron Jarden**, Senior Research Fellow at Flinders University and Head of Research at the Wellbeing and Resilience Centre at the South Australia Health & Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI).