



# ISQOLS 2018 CONFERENCE RE-CAP

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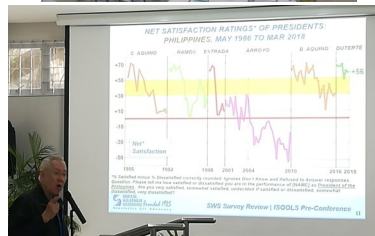


## Pre-Conference Site Visit to Manila, Philippines

The first ever ISQOLS pre-conference site visit took place June 12th at the Social Weather Stations headquarters in Manila, Philippines. Participants included eleven ISQOLS members from Poland, Greenland, China, and the United States.



This inaugural event started with a visit to the **Social Weather Stations**, a nonprofit social research institution with social scientists focused on economics, political science, sociology, statistics, market research, and other fields (learn more at [www.sws.org.ph](http://www.sws.org.ph)). After being treated to a tour of the facility, guests enjoyed a presentation by SWS president and ISQOLS Board Member, Mahar Mangahas, on the “Social Weather Reports of Economic Well-being in the Philippines”. SWS’s vision is to set standards of excellence in the practice of statistics for advocacy within a democracy. The overview presented statistical data related to the following topics: satisfaction with public officials and institutions; report card of the national administration; public opinion about the administration’s war on illegal drugs; public opinion relevant to foreign relations; subjective well-being indicators (quality of life, poverty, and hunger); and the first Philippine national survey of anamnestic comparative self-assessment (ACSA).



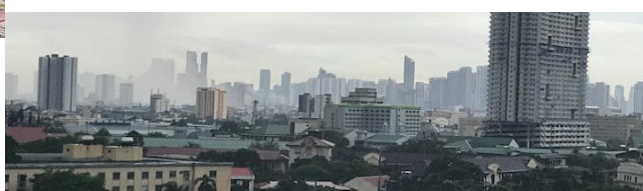
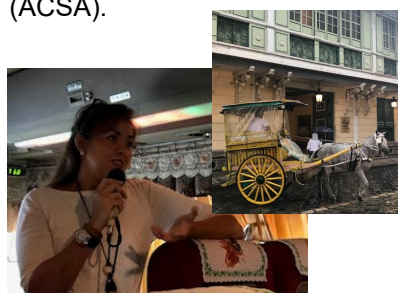
GALLUP WORLD POLL: APPROVAL OF U.S. LEADERSHIP, SOUTHEAST & EAST ASIA, % OF ADULTS, 2017

Country	APPROVE	DIS-APPROVE	DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	2016-17 APPROVAL CHANGE
Philippines*	59%	32%	9%	+12
Myanmar	48	49	3	-22
South Korea	38	46	14	-14
Thailand	32	19	50	-3
Japan	21	36	42	-16
Singapore	27	25	48	-32
Indonesia	22	49	28	-7

\* Survey Philippines conducted by GWP in 2017. Source: Gallup World Poll: Rating World Leaders 2018

After the presentation, the group enjoyed a delicious local meal and guided tour of the surrounding area of Metro Manila. Highlights included a stop at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, a walking tour of the Intramuros walled city of Manila, and the San Sebastian Church. The group ended the tour with a buffet dinner at the Manila Hotel.

Special thanks to the entire staff at SWS for their assistance, coordination, and generous hospitality!







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### 2018 Conference in Hong Kong

Over 350 scholars and experts from around the world convened in Hong Kong, from June 14th-16th, to discuss topics related to quality-of-life, happiness and wellbeing. The 2018 International Society for Quality of Life Studies conference, "Promotion of Quality-of-Life in the Changing World", was held at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and organized by chairman, ISQOLS Board Member and ARQOL chief editor, Dr. Daniel Shek.

The Scientific Committee, (Prof. Ming-Chang Tsai, Dr. Lu Yu, Dr. Martijn Burger, and Dr. Javier Martinez), put together a comprehensive program containing over 60 parallel sessions and presenting approximately 300

papers. Various topics were explored, including QOL theoretical and methodological concepts; economics and human development; health, aging, adolescence and family wellbeing; gender and quality of life; community development, well-being and public policy; histories of human well-being; and global quality-of-life.

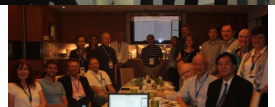
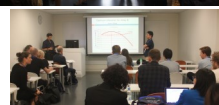
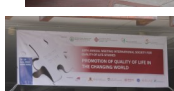
A new addition to the proceedings involved eight endowed track sessions, honoring established ISQOLS researchers: The Ronald E. Anderson track on the Alleviation of Human Suffering, The Elizabeth Eckermann Track on Gender and Quality-of-Life, The Takashi Inoguchi Track on QOL and Well-being in East Asia, The Kenneth C. Land Track on the Advancement of QOL and Well-being of Children, The Mahar Mangahas Track on the Advancement of QOL and Well-being in Southeast Asia, The Rhonda G. Phillips Track for the Promotion of Community Development and Community Well-being, The Daniel Shek-Wofoo Foundation Track for the Advancement of Adolescent QOL Research, and the M. Joseph Sirgy Track on Well-being and Policy.

Professor Alex C. Michalos (former ISQOLS president and founder of the Social Indicators Research pub.), served as the conference keynote lecturer, teleconferencing his presentation: "Good Societies, Financial Inequality and a Good Life: From Aristotle to Piketty." Professor Takashi Inoguchi, Emeritus prof. of the Univ. of Tokyo and former UN Assistant Secretary General, presented the Alex C. Michalos Lecture, "An Evidence-Based Typology of Asian Societies." Professor Felicia Huppert, Director of the Well-being Int. and Emeritus prof. of the Univ. of Cambridge, presented the Edward F. Diener Lecture, "Designing Interventions that Have a Powerful Effect on Promoting Well-Being in the Changing World." Professor Kenneth C. Land, Emeritus prof. at Duke University, presented the Richard J. Estes Lecture, "Promotion of Quality-of-Life: What Have We Learned from 50 Years of Cross Sectional and Longitudinal Analyses?"

The Awards Ceremony recognized ten researchers for their substantial work in the field: Ming-Chang Tsai and Birger Poppel were equally awarded the 2018 Research Fellow Award. Mohsen Joshanloo was awarded the Young Scholar Award. Authors Nguyen Thi Tuyet, Don R. Rahtz, and Clifford J. Shultz II earned the 2018 Best Annual Journal of Macromarketing (JMM) QOL Section Paper Award for their paper, "Tourism as catalyst for quality of life in transitioning subsistence marketplaces: Perspectives from Ha Long, Vietnam." Authors, David Bayliss, Wendy Olsen, Pierre Walthery, earned the 2018 Best Annual Applied Research in Quality of Life (ARQOL) Paper Award for their paper, "Well-Being During Recession in the UK". Finally, the 2018 Award for the Betterment of the Human Condition was given to the Legatum Institute. Congratulations to these recipients!

The closing conference dinner was held at the Diamond Hall of Palace Restaurant, where guests enjoyed a traditional Cantonese dinner, local performances and musicians. The celebration capped off a wonderful conference in Hong Kong. Special thanks to the Local Host Committee for their diligent work and planning: Daniel Shek, Janet Leung, Diya Dou, Hildie Leung, Jocelyn Lin, Julie Zhu, Moon Law, Lee Tak Yan, Lam Ching Man, Kim Kinseop, Han Xiao-yan, Rosemary Liang.

Thank you to all planners and participants! We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the 2019 conference in Granada, Spain!



# POST CONFERENCE CHECK-LIST



Did you attend the ISQOLS 2018 Conference? Please read below for a list of items for you to consider:

## **1. Complete the Conference Evaluation Survey**

Did you enjoy the conference? Are you happy with the session arrangement? Do you have any comments or suggestions? We would love to hear from you! Please kindly fill in the evaluation form via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ISQOLS2018>

## **2. Download the Abstract Booklet**

As a reminder, please note that our abstract booklet (ISBN number 978-988-16412-0-5) is available here:

[http://www.isqols2018.hk/pdf/ISQOLS2018\\_Abstract\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.isqols2018.hk/pdf/ISQOLS2018_Abstract_Booklet.pdf)

## **3. Upload your presentation and research to the ISQOLS Research Database**

We invite you to submit any documents related to quality-of-life, happiness, and wellbeing studies and research to our ISQOLS Research Database, including papers, articles, web links, or powerpoint presentations. The Research Database accepts most formats (e.g., e.g. pdf, docx, doc, rtf) up to 128MB. You can upload your documents at this link: <https://www.isqols.org/research-submission/>

## **4. Submit your conference paper for publication to Applied Research in Quality of Life**

Call for Papers for a Special Conference Issue. *Applied Research in Quality of Life* is the official Journal of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies ([www.isqols.org](http://www.isqols.org)). Special issue(s) of ARQOL will be compiled from papers presented at the 2018 ISQOLS conference. The conference theme is "Promotion of Quality of Life in the Changing World". While special issue(s) will represent papers from across disciplines and perspectives, it is anticipated that the conference theme will be addressed as far as possible. To submit, follow the attached online instructions at (please add). When submitting your paper, please note that it is for the 2018 ISQOLS Conference Issue.

For more information on the special issue for the conference, please contact Daniel Shek, Editor-in-Chief ([daniel.shek@polyu.edu.hk](mailto:daniel.shek@polyu.edu.hk)). If you are interested in guest editing a special issue for the 2018 ISQOLS Conference based on a particular theme, please note the Instructions for publishing a special issue in ARQOL.

## **5. Subscribe to ISQOLS e-news and be sure to keep your ISQOLS membership updated to receive news and details about future conferences!**

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**15th September 2018** : Opening reception of abstracts

