

SPECIAL SEMINAR SERIES

PART ONE: HAPPINESS, ECONOMICS AND

COVID-19

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Wed 9th September 11am to 12:15 pm Room: WG404 or via Zoom (TBC) Stephanié is a well-being economist at heart and is co-creator of the Gross National Happiness Index (GNH) for 11 countries, including New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. Using 'Big Data' extracted from the Twitter Application Programming Interface, the GNH determines the evaluative mood of a nation.

Basic outline:

- 1. What is Happiness Economics?
- 2. Why is it important to measure happiness?
- 3. Big Data
- 4. Twitter
- 5. Gross National Happiness Index
- 6. Descriptive analysis
- 7. Results of Covid-19 and lockdown on happiness
- 8. Policy implications

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