

# THE QUALITY OF LIFE CONFERENCE:

## The Future of Quality of Life, ISQOLS 2015

October 15-17

Phoenix, Arizona

The International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) ([www.isqols.org](http://www.isqols.org)) along with our co-host Arizona State University's Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation ([www. <https://lodestar.asu.edu/>](http://www.lodestar.asu.edu/)) invite researchers from all disciplines, policy makers and practitioners from across the globe to participate in the 2015 Quality of Life Conference "The Future of Quality of Life." We invite you to join an exciting convening of quality of life thinkers October 15 – 17, 2015 in exciting Phoenix, Arizona. Join us as we explore ideas, new approaches, and innovative thinking about dimensions of quality of life that impact us all. The Sonoran Desert environment is a stunning place to convene, and symbolic of many issues facing areas around the world – immigration and inclusion, climate change and issues of resources, rapid urbanization and fascinating cultures intersecting in one of the US's largest cities. See more details about the topics, sessions, fees, and publication opportunities with ISQOLS's journal and book series at [www.isqols.org](http://www.isqols.org).

ISQOLS is a multidisciplinary society encouraging the pursuit of quality of life studies and application. This international group convenes regularly to share ideas and findings, and actively supports the dissemination of findings and thoughts via its journal and newsletter, *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, and *Social Indicators Network News* as well as its allied publications (see [www.isqols.org/resources/publications](http://www.isqols.org/resources/publications)). We encourage scholars and practitioners from all disciplines and perspectives to join us to promote quality of life globally via research, policy, and partnerships.

### Conference Theme and Topics:

Our theme is "The Future of Quality of Life" and we welcome papers from all related disciplines. Submissions on issues of quality of life, well-being, happiness and any dimension of quality of life are welcome. Are we in the best of times, or entering an age of intolerance? What about the impacts of longevity or climate change? What are the implications for quality of life?

#### *Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations*

- Foundations for quality of life and happiness
- Views on quality of life in new philosophical approaches (e.g., capability approach, new realism)
- New impacts of neurosciences and behavioral sciences on quality of life
- Preservation of living conditions and intergenerational justice
- Art and Culture: Philosophy, Experience and Quality of Life

#### *Empirical Applications*

- Causes and consequences in happiness and quality of life
- Social indicators – instruments for the improvement and preservation of quality of life
- Living conditions, life domains, and quality of life over the life cycle

#### *Methods, Measurement and Assessments*

- Statistical methods and multidimensional applications for measurement of quality of life

- New survey methods for the measurement of happiness and quality of life
  - Qualitative methods to study quality of life
  - Databases, techniques, and sources
- Place-based and Global Quality of Life*
- Quality of life in the local and regional environment including community well-being, planning, and development
  - Trends in poverty, inequality and the distribution of living conditions in cross-national perspectives
  - Global and regional impacts (increasing world population, global economics, climate change, limits of resources, immigration, border conflicts) on the distribution of living conditions within and between countries
- Current Issues*
- Topics of special interest include, but are not limited to, social intolerance and justice, sustainability and resilience, employment, community, immigration, history of well-being, as well as the meaning of quality of life in the future.
  - Enhancing quality of life – the role of philanthropy, public, private and social sectors
  - Beyond Gross Domestic Product – review of debates and agenda for action
  - Applications and approaches for improving living conditions

#### **How to Submit Your Proposal or Session**

Please submit your proposed *abstract* of approximately 200 words with a list of 3-5 keywords using the online submission site at [www.isqols.org/call-for-papers-submission-form/](http://www.isqols.org/call-for-papers-submission-form/). If you intend to organize a *session*, please indicate on the form. For sessions submit a 500 word proposal along with a list of potential papers. All submitted abstracts and session proposals will be reviewed by the ISQOLS members organizing the conference. There will be opportunities to submit your paper for publication consideration in a special issue of our journal as well as book volumes in our series with Springer.

#### **Important Dates:**

Conference Date: **October 15-17, 2015**

Submission of Abstracts: **April 1 – May 15, 2015**

Announcement of Acceptance: **May 30, 2015**

Registration Opens: **May 15, 2015**

#### **Visiting Phoenix and Arizona:**

Phoenix Skyharbor International Airport provides direct service and connections from numerous cities, with light rail connections to our conference venue. The Renaissance Hotel is located in vibrant downtown Phoenix offering plenty of choices in restaurants and cultural venues.

- We have a special conference rate of \$119 per night, see information about the hotel and location at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/phxbd-renaissance-phoenix-downtown-hotel/>. (Special rates are only available if booked before September 23<sup>rd</sup>).

- Our opening session and reception will be held at the renowned Heard Museum of American Indian Art & History <http://heard.org/>.
- An optional tour to the Grand Canyon will be available on October 18. Come explore the spectacular vistas of Phoenix and Arizona
- Visit <http://www.visitphoenix.com/index.aspx> for a sample of the exciting options!

**Secure your hotel registration now via:** <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ISQ2015>

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