

POSITIVE ECONOMIC PSYCHOLOGY: EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND ECONOMIC PSYCHOLOGY

“Open Psychology” (<https://www.degruyter.com/journal/key/psych/html>) invites submissions for a special issue dedicated to Positive Economic Psychology, edited by Dr Rona Hart (School of Psychology, University of Sussex, UK).

DESCRIPTION

This special issue is dedicated to exploring the emerging field of Positive Economic Psychology, a domain that marries insights from Positive Psychology with the complexities of economic behaviour, decisions, and perceptions. At its heart, Positive Economic Psychology is concerned with researching and enhancing economic wellbeing. It investigates the myriad conditions and processes that are instrumental in fostering economic prosperity and the optimal economic functioning of individuals, groups, and societies. The concept of economic wellbeing is pivotal, serving as the cornerstone for its research agenda and practical applications. By examining how positive psychological constructs such as happiness, resilience, hope, mindfulness and prosociality can influence economic decisions and outcomes, this interdisciplinary area seeks to uncover strategies that enhance financial wellbeing and contentment.

More information about the emerging discipline of Positive Economic Psychology and its current state may be found in the introductory article to this special issue, available at <https://www.degruyter.com/journal/key/psych/7/1/html>

Contributions to this special issue may span a broad array of empirical, theoretical, and methodological research, all aimed at advancing our understanding of how to integrate positive psychological principles to foster economic flourishing. Through such explorations, Positive Economic Psychology aims to chart a course towards more sustainable, ethical, and positive economic practices and policies.

The scope of the special issue encompasses a broad spectrum of topics and research areas that combine Positive Psychology and Economic Psychology. The scope includes, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- Exploration of key concepts (such as economic wellbeing, financial satisfaction, financial stress, and economic fragility);
- Dispositions and capabilities that impinge on economic behaviours (such as traits, states, skills, knowledge, and attitudes);
- Experiences, circumstances and contexts that influence economic behaviours (such as SES and global economic trends);

- Economic decisions, behaviours and actions (with particular emphasis on adaptive and productive behaviours);
- Policies and interventions aimed at fostering adaptive and effective financial decisions and behaviours;
- Economic outcomes (particularly those that contribute to an individual's overall quality of life).

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