

Anke C. Plagnol

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Personal Information

Research Fellow, Darwin College

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Research Interests

Gender equality, Subjective well-being, Applied microeconomics, Life course studies

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, August 2002 - May 2007

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Dissertation title: "*Adaptation, Assets, and Aspirations. Three Essays on the Economics of Subjective Well-Being.*"

Advisor: Richard A. Easterlin, University Professor and Professor of Economics

Master of Arts in Economics, August 2002 - August 2005

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts in European Economic Studies, October 1998 - September 2001

Otto-Friedrich-Universität, Bamberg, Germany

Bachelor thesis: "*Financing the Eastern Enlargement of the European Union.*"

Honors and Awards

Best Dissertation Award

International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS)

November 2007

SOEP-Prize 2007, Second Prize

Best publication by a junior researcher using the German Socio-Economic Panel

May 2007

Final Year Dissertation Fellowship

USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

August 2006 - May 2007

Poster award, Second Prize

Fourth International Positive Psychology Summit, Washington, DC

September 2005

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

Department of Economics, USC

Spring 2004

Publications

Anke C. Plagnol and Felicia A. Huppert. "Happy to help? Exploring the factors associated with variations in rates of volunteering across Europe". *Social Indicators Research*, forthcoming

Jacqueline Scott, Anke C. Plagnol and Jane Nolan. "Perceptions of quality of life: Gender differences across the life course", chapter in Jacqueline Scott, Rosemary Crompton and Clare Lyonette (eds.). *Gender Inequalities in the 21st Century: New Barriers and Continuing Constraints*, Edward Elgar, forthcoming.

Anke C. Plagnol, Emma Rowley, Paul Martin and Finbarr Livesey "Industry perceptions of the barriers to commercialization of regenerative medicine products in the UK". *Regenerative Medicine*, 4(4), pp. 549-559, July 2009.

Jacqueline Scott, Jane Nolan and Anke C. Plagnol. "Panel data and open-ended questions: Understanding perceptions of quality of life". *21st Century Society*. 4(2), pp. 123-135, June 2009.

Anke C. Plagnol and Richard A. Easterlin. "Aspirations, attainments, and satisfaction: Life cycle differences between American women and men" *Journal of Happiness Studies*. 9(4), pp. 601-619, December 2008.

Richard A. Easterlin and Anke C. Plagnol. "Life satisfaction and economic outcomes in Germany pre- and post-unification". *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 68(3-4), pp. 433-444, December 2008.

Anke C. Zimmermann and Richard A. Easterlin. "Happily ever after? Cohabitation, marriage, divorce, and happiness in Germany". *Population and Development Review*. 32(3), pp. 511-528, September 2006.

Working Papers

Anke C. Plagnol. "Financial satisfaction over the life course: The influence of assets and liabilities".

Anke C. Plagnol. "Chasing the 'good life': gender differences in work aspirations of American men and women".

Anke C. Plagnol and Jacqueline Scott. "What matters for well-being: Individual perceptions of quality of life before and after important life events".

Kelly Musick and Anke C. Plagnol. "Trajectories of change in fertility intentions over the life course".

Work Experience

Research Associate

ESRC Gender Equality Network

Faculty of Politics, Psychology, Sociology and International Studies, University of Cambridge

March 2008 - present

Research Associate

Centre for Economics & Policy, IfM, University of Cambridge

May 2007 - February 2008

Research Assistant

for Richard A. Easterlin, Department of Economics, USC

Fall 2004 - Summer 2006

Teaching Assistant

Department of Economics, USC

Fall 2002 - Spring 2004

Presentations

- Workshop on Happiness and the Economy, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco *Sept. 2009*
- IX International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies conference, Florence, Italy *July 2009*
- Third Conference of the European Survey Research Association, Warsaw, Poland *July 2009*
- Sociology Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge *October 2008*
- GeNet Gender Equality Symposium, Queens' College, University of Cambridge *Sept. 2008*
- Social Stratification Research Seminar, Clare College, Cambridge *Sept. 2008*
- International Workshop on Adaptation and Reference Values, Brunel University *Nov. 2007*
- International Conference on Hedonic Adaptation and Predictions, Harvard University *Sept. 2007*
- 7th Conference of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS)
Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa *July 2006*
- IAREP/SABE Congress, Paris, France *July 2006*
- 3rd European Conference on Positive Psychology, Braga, Portugal *July 2006*
- Population Association of America, 2006 Annual Meeting, Los Angeles *April 2006*
- Symposium on the Economics of Happiness
University of Warwick, USC Institute for Economic Policy Research, Los Angeles *March 2006*
- Fourth International Positive Psychology Summit, Washington, DC *Sept. 2005*
- Second Workshop on Capabilities and Happiness, Milan, Italy *June 2005*
- Population Association of America, 2005 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia *March 2005*
- Sixth International Society for Quality of Life Studies Conference, Philadelphia *Nov. 2004*

Teaching Experience

University Teaching Associate Cambridge University, 2008 - present

Trainer on courses organized by the Student Development Programme at the University of Cambridge.

Supervisor Wolfson College, Cambridge University, Michaelmas term 2007

Tutor for Microeconomics (Undergraduate, third year)

Teaching Assistant Fellow Center for Excellence in Teaching, USC, 2006-2007

Contributed to the development of training curricula for teaching assistants by combining personal teaching expertise with research on best practices of learning and teaching.

Courses taught:

Instructor Quantitative Methods, University of Cambridge, Michaelmas Term 2009-2010

Faculty of Politics, Psychology, Sociology and International Studies

Lectures are part of Int Ia and Ib, Inquiry and Analysis I.

Instructor Sophomore Seminar, *The Science of Happiness*, USC, Spring 2007

A 2-unit seminar with 10 students from all majors. The seminar introduces participants to interdisciplinary research on subjective well-being.

Courses assisted:

Head Teaching Assistant for Econ 205 - Introduction to Macroeconomics (Prof. Easterlin)

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Spring 2004

Introductory undergraduate class in macroeconomics with almost 300 students. Coordinated and supervised four teaching assistants and taught one discussion session with about 20 students.

Teaching Experience (continued)

Invited guest lecturer Department of Economics, USC:

Econ 432 - Economics of Happiness (Prof. Easterlin), 2 guest lectures, Fall 2006

Econ 432 - Economics of Happiness (Prof. Easterlin), 4 guest lectures, Fall 2005

Econ 499 - Economics of Happiness (Prof. Easterlin), 2 guest lectures, Fall 2004

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, USC:

- Econ 340 - Economics of Less Developed Countries (Prof. Tan), Fall 2003
Graded exams and assignments in a class of 30 undergraduates.
- Econ 348 - Current Problems of the American Economy (Prof. Moore), Fall 2003
Graded class papers in a class of 40 undergraduates.
- Econ 205 - Principles of Macroeconomics (Prof. Al-Sabea), Spring 2003
Taught two discussion sessions with 20-30 students each.
- Econ 203 - Principles of Microeconomics (Prof. Al-Sabea), Fall 2002
Taught two discussion sessions with 20-30 students each.

Special courses taken:

GRSC 850ab: *The Future Professoriate*, Center for Excellence in Teaching, USC, 2005-2006

Selected from a university-wide pool of applicants to participate in an intensive year-long program on the development of practical skills and theoretical knowledge necessary for leadership, research, and teaching within the academic field.

Journal Refereeing

International Review of Economics Education

Journal of Development Studies

Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies

Journal of Happiness Studies

Journal of Social Science and Medicine

Journal of Socio-Economics

Schmollers Jahrbuch

The Sociological Quarterly

Languages

German: native

English: fluent, written and spoken

French: advanced, written and spoken

Spanish: intermediate, written and spoken

Portuguese: intermediate, written and spoken

Additional Skills

Organizing: Co-organized McMenemy seminars, Trinity Hall, Cambridge (2009)
Co-organized seminars at the University of Cambridge
on gender equality (September 2008, March 2009)
Co-organized workshops in London and at the University of Cambridge
on the future of regenerative medicine (September and November 2007)
Helped organize symposium on subjective well-being at USC with 20 invited
international speakers (March 2006)

Computing: Stata, SPSS, HLM, Latex, Microsoft Office, website creation

References

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