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The 3rd IIAS Symposium on Human Happiness

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In our increasingly uncertain, instable, insecure, and stressful contemporary world, the working of human heart—the mind—has emerged as a highly important subject to decipher the on-going explosive worldly phenomena influencing the issue of human happiness. It is highly challenging to reflect on what happiness means to us personally and to know various meaningful implications for ways of pursuing happiness. The term “happiness” in terms of personal implications may allude to “comfort”, “contentment”, “satisfaction”, “rejoicing”, “affluence”, “soundness”, “integrity”, “devotion”, “enlightenment”, “self-actualization” and/or “transcendence”.

More often than not, happiness usually has different meanings/nuances to different individuals, societies and cultures, not to speak of unusual mental-physical conditions/situations, such as under a pandemic, war or natural disaster. Besides, happiness is often elusive and, even when achieved, may not continue consistently for long. Being changeable and, perhaps, insatiable, we humans in our contemporary contexts, may continuously seek and aspire for a “seemingly” up-graded or higher-level happiness.
For, a “long-lasting happiness” that we are most concerned in this Symposium, it is extremely important to search for common “viability conditions” of happiness, as well as to look into the long-endured modes of human relations and mutual attitudes within groups, societies and nations relevant to happiness that relates to empathy, compassion and mutual rejoicing. Also important is the relationship of long-term happiness with different world views, particularly relevant to life, death and beyond. Endeavors for such research may reveal a common long-term meaning of happiness intrinsic to human nature.

At the 3rd IIAS Symposium on Human Happiness, we invite your contributions that relate to various personal, social and inter-cultural implications of happiness, particularly of the long-term viable sorts. Also, we are interested in the varying implications and influences of long-term happiness on cultural, moral and psychological aspects, as well as on social, political, economic and aesthetic activities. Further, we emphatically invite you to delve into human happiness that is inseparably linked to a sustainable human future.

Please contact both Prof. Lasker and Prof. Hiwaki as soon as possible by E-mail, if you are interested in presenting a paper at our Symposium. Also, please send by E-mail attachment an Abstract of approximately 200 English words to Prof. Lasker and Prof. Hiwaki, respectively, no later than March 30th, 2015. Notification of Acceptance will be sent you by April 9th, 2015.

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