



## New Special Issue on the first wave of data collection

The latest Issue of the Journal of Child Indicators Research is a Special Issue devoted to the Children's Worlds project. The issue – 'Child subjective well-being: Early findings from the Children's Worlds project' – edited by Tamar Dinisman, Gill Main and Liliana Fernandes presents a rich collection of papers on Children's Worlds first wave of data collection.

About 34,500 children from 14 countries – Algeria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, Israel, Nepal, Romania, Rwanda, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Uganda and the US – participated in the this wave, which was conducted between winter 2011 and winter 2012.

The first two articles of this Issue ***showcase the scope of the project***. Rees and Dinisman present one of the first attempts to assess children's subjective well-being in a diverse international context. Wilmes and Andresen challenge us to carefully consider the influence of dominant western conceptions of well-being, through their comparison of Nepal and Germany. The next two papers ***deal with methodological and conceptual challenges***; Casas and Rees provide an assessment of which international comparisons offer meaningful information, and where more caution is needed. Gross-Manos, Shimoni and Ben-Arieh detail the testing of subjective well-being measures amongst a sample of children in Israel. The following group of articles ***focuses on a range of aspects of children's lives***; Family context and participation is of prime importance to children's well-being, and Gonzalez, Gras, Malo, Navarro, Casas and Aligué explore this among Spanish children. Life experiences and changes in children's circumstances in eight countries are explored by Montserrat, Dinisman, Bălătescu, Grigoras, and Casas.

Bullying can be a devastating experience, and Tiliouine examines its prevalence and impact among Algerian children. *The interaction between different aspects of children's and their subjective well-being* is the center of the next articles. Joo Lee and Sang Yoo explore associations between family, school and community factors and subjective well-being, and how national context impacts associations, across eleven countries. Newland, Lawler, Giger, Roh and Carr explore an ecological model using a relationship-based framework in a rural mid-western US sample. Castellá Sarrierra, Casas, Bedin, Abs, Strelhow, Gross-Manos and Giger explore associations between material resources and well-being across eight countries. Lastly, the last two articles *examine how national, cultural and policy contexts might facilitate improvements*; Savahl, Adams, Isaacs, September, Hendricks and Noordien provide an analysis of how the South African context might shape levels of children's subjective well-being. In the final article, Bradshaw offers an overview of current knowledge of children's subjective well-being in international context and makes the case for further studies such as the Children's Worlds survey.

[For the full articles](#)

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Stay tuned!

The findings of the Second wave will be launched in May

The findings of the Second wave of data collection with more than 45,000 children from 15 countries will be launched on May the 6<sup>th</sup> in Marbach Castle, Germany. The launched will be followed by a series of events around the world including the presentation of the findings of the European countries in the European Parliament in Brussels on May 13, and findings from the Asian countries on May the 21<sup>st</sup> in Seoul, Korea.

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