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Research Interests

Health, Wellbeing, Behavioural Economics and Applied Econometrics

Current Position

Since 2020 **London School of Economics (LSE)**, Centre for Economic Performance (CEP)
Research Economist
Since 2021 **University of Oxford**, Wellbeing Research Centre
Research Affiliate

Education

2016-2020 **PhD in Economics**, University of Surrey (UK)
Thesis: “Econometric Analysis of Subjective Wellbeing Data”
Supervisors: Dr Sorawoot Srisuma and Prof Jo Blanden
2009-2011 Master of Public Administration, Higher School of Economics (Russia)
2005-2009 BSc in Economics, Higher School of Economics (Russia)

Publications

Oparina, E. (r) Kaiser, C. (r) Gentile, N. (r); Tkatchenko, A., Clark, A., De Neve, J-E., D'Ambrosio, C. (2025) Human Wellbeing and Machine Learning. *Scientific Reports* 15 (1632). [Link](#). (r) for the random order of authors
Oparina, E., & Srisuma, S. (2022). Analyzing Subjective Well-Being Data with Misclassification. *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, 40(2), 730–743. [Link](#).
Chen, L.-Y., Oparina, E., Powdthavee, N., & Srisuma, S. (2022). Robust Ranking of Happiness Outcomes: A Median Regression Perspective. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 200, 672–686. [Link](#). Covered in [VoxEU](#).

Working Papers

Oparina, E. (r) Krekel, C. (r) Srisuma, S. (r) (2024). Talking Therapy: Impacts of a Nationwide Mental Health Service. [CEP Discussion Paper 1982](#). (r) for the random order of authors
Media coverage: [IZA Opinion Piece](#)
Rzepnicka, K., Sharland, E., Rossa, M., Dolby, T., Oparina, E., Saunders, R., Ayoubkhani, D., & Nafilyan, V. (2025). The Effect of Adult Psychological Therapies on Employment and Earnings: Evidence from England, [medRxiv](#).
Bhattacharya D., Oparina, E., & Xu, Q. (2024). Empirical Welfare Analysis with Hedonic Budget Constraints. [CEP Discussion Paper 2050](#).
Oparina, E., Clark, A., & Layard, R. (2025) The Easterlin Paradox at 50. [CEP Discussion Paper 2048](#).
Kaiser, C., Oparina, E., & Oswald, A. (2024). Is it Psychologically Dangerous to Live in a Rich Area? Evidence from Individual-Level Data on UK Suicides, *mimeo*.
Kirchmaier, T., & Oparina, E. (2024). Under Pressure: The effect of police officers' workload on victim withdrawal. [CEP Discussion Paper 1985](#).
Media coverage: [LSE British Politics and Policy](#), [CentrePiece](#)

Cooper, K. B., Heffetz, O., Ifcher, J., Oparina, E., & Wu, S. (2024). Teaching Happiness (Economics) in Your Dismal-Science Courses, *mimeo*.

Teaching Experience

- 2025/24/23 **PP424: Happiness and Public Policy**, School of Public Policy, LSE (postgraduate, MPA/MPP), co-teaching with R. Layard, – teaching evaluations 4.8/5, 5/5
Received: LSE Teaching Award 2023 and Excellence in Education Award 2023, 2024.
- 2025/24/23 **Master dissertation supervision**, PBS, LSE (25 dissertations)
- 2024 **PP421: Happiness**, Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science (PBS), LSE (postgraduate) – teaching evaluations 4.7/5
- 2024 Session on **Caregiver Wellbeing**, [The Urban95 Academy](#), collaboration between the Van Leer Foundation and LSE (executive)
- 2023/22 **Guest lecturer in PB421: Happiness**, PBS, LSE (postgraduate)
- 2020/19 Teaching Assistant in **Intermediate Econometrics**, University of Surrey (undergraduate) – teaching evaluations 4.5/5, 4.6/5
- 2018 Teaching Assistant in **Principles of Microeconomics**, University of Surrey (undergraduate) – teaching evaluations 4.2/5
- 2018 Teaching Assistant in **Introductory Economics**, University of Surrey (undergraduate) – teaching evaluations 3.9/5

Grants, Awards, and Scholarships

- 2024 **Labour Markets Evaluation and Pilots (LMEP) Fund Grant**, *Labour Market Outcomes of NHS Talking Therapies*, **Co-Investigator**, joint with ONS, **£480,075**.
- 2024, 2023 LSE **Teaching Award 2023**, LSE **Excellence in Education Award 2023, 2024**
- 2022 **ESRC SDAI grant**, *Analysing Heterogeneous Effects of the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Programme*, **Co-Investigator**, with C. Krekel and S. Srisuma, **£240,000**.
- 2016-2020 University of Surrey, **Doctoral Scholarship**

Policy Reports and Book Chapters

Layard, R., & Oparina, E. (2021). Living long and living well: The WELLBY approach. In J. Helliwell, R. Layard, J. Sachs, & J.-E. De Neve (Eds.), *World Happiness Report 2021*. Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

Layard, R., Oparina, E., De Neve, J.-E., & Kaats, M. (2023). Exercises. In R. Layard & J.-E. De Neve (Eds.), *Wellbeing: Science and Policy*. Cambridge University Press.

Selected Work in Progress

Talking Therapies: Incremental Benefits of Having Therapy in Different Conditions (with D. Clark, C. Krekel, I. Parkes and S. Srisuma)

The Long-Run Effects of Talking Therapies (with C. Krekel, R. Saunders and S. Srisuma)

The Effects of the Nation-Wide NHS and Care Volunteer Responders Programme (with C. Krekel, A. Boler and A. Smith)

Feeling Good by Doing Good: The Effects of Sports and Volunteering on Wellbeing and Social Outcomes (with M. Cotofan and C. Krekel)

Previous Positions

- 2019-2020 **Research Assistant** for R. Layard, P. Frijters, C. Krekel, LSE, CEP
 2019 **Research Assistant** to A. Gupta for the paper:
 Gupta, A., & Seo, M. H. (2023). Robust inference on infinite and growing dimensional time-series regression. *Econometrica*, 91(4), 1333-1361.
- 2011-2016 **Research Fellow** (Centre for Public Private Interactions), **Deputy Head** (Centre for Applied Economics), **Higher School of Economics**, Russia
 2011 **Translator** for the book de Speville, B. (2010). *Overcoming corruption: The Essentials*. Research for Social Advancement. ISBN: 978-967-5942-03-7.

Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

- 2024 Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting, LSE Wellbeing Seminar, LSE Mental Health Workshop, CEP Annual Conference, Office for National Statistics (invited talk), Highland Health Economics Symposium, Var Leer Foundation (invited talk), IFS-CAGE Workshop on the Economics of Mental Health, EEA-ESEM Congress
 2023 Royal Economic Society and Scottish Economic Society Annual Meeting, Canadian Economic Association, Measuring Progress Annual Workshop (Luxembourg), LSE Wellbeing Seminar
 2022 LSE Wellbeing Seminar, Loughborough University (invited speaker), Mental Health and Economic Status Workshop (University of Warwick)
 2021 Global Wellbeing Summit, co-organised by Gallup (roundtable participant)
 2019 LSE Wellbeing Seminar, European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Annual Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics (IAAE), Royal Economic Society Symposium of Junior Researchers (University of Surrey)

Professional Activities

- Refereeing: *Nature Communications, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Review of Income and Wealth, Journal of Behavioral & Experimental Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Happiness Studies, European Association of Young Economists 2024 and 2025 Annual Meetings.*
- Since 2021 Co-Organizer of **LSE Wellbeing Seminar**
 Since 2019 **Fellow** of the **Higher Education Academy**

References

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