

Abstract “The measurement of well-being in the current debate”

In the book, by aggregating variables, we have built a multidimensional indicator that is able to balance the trade-off between the immediate availability and the completeness of information.

The first chapter provides a concise definition of wellbeing and lists the issues that arise from the measurement of wellbeing through GDP. It then examines and discusses the two different approaches to measurement: the capabilities of Amartya Sen and the indicators of Dasgupta. The second chapter provides a general description of the main measurements of wellbeing. The third chapter analyses the literature on multidimensional measurements of wellbeing; our research falls into this category. The last two chapters relate to our proposal: the fourth chapter describes the development and the methodology of the indicator, whilst the fifth chapter discusses the results of the indicators and draws some conclusions.