Hello everyone.

I’m a lecturer in positive psychology at the University of East London, and am excited to join this taskforce. I’m hoping you might join me in an on-going project. I’ve created the beginnings of a cross-cultural lexicography of ‘untranslatable’ words relating to wellbeing, sourced from across the world’s cultures. The aim is to, (a) increase positive psychology’s appreciation of cross-cultural differences in wellbeing, but also, (b) enrich our own experiences of wellbeing by allowing us to articulate new phenomenological states.

I’ve just published a paper on this in the journal of positive psychology -http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17439760.2015.1127993. I’m also hoping though that this will be an evolving project. So, if you know of any words that aren’t in the current list, or if you can help improve any of the definitions of words that are on the list, I’d be most grateful to hear from you. Please write to me, or alternatively go to www.drtimlomas.com/lexicography to see or add to the list. Thanks in advance!

Best wishes

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