Researches on the “Economics and Happiness” are increasingly taking a considerable place among the interests of social scientists: quality of life, the relationship between goods and well-being, relational goods, intrinsic motivations, and the impact of basic need and relational satisfactions to motivation and wellness. These inquiries overlap with the “Capabilities Approach”, which very much directs attention to these issues.

In March 2004 the CSC (Capability and Sustainability Centre, St. Edmund College, Cambridge) organized in Cambridge the 1st workshop “Capabilities and Happiness”, and the participants were persuaded that the connection capabilities-happiness can be extremely stimulating and potentially able of opening a very promising new field of research, an idea shared also by the Capability Network. This second workshop is also a by-product of the researches on happiness undertaken at the Department of Economics of Milano-Bicocca. The workshop itself is a follow up to the first International Conference on the Paradoxes of Happiness in Economics at Milano-Bicocca 20-23 March 2003.

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The Principal aim of this interdisciplinary workshop is to gather together scholars of all the different methodological strands for a rich encounter.