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Valuing Nature-based Interventions: the Economic Evaluation of Park Improvements for Health and Wellbeing

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Urban parks are places for nature experiences and recreation within the cities. They provide a varied set of services which can deliver positive effects on physical and mental health and human well-being. Enhancing direct interaction with nature and increasing number of people visiting parks should be fundamental targets for local authorities wishing to achieve more sustainable and healthy life style for their citizens. However, urban nature experiences are complex and multifaceted due to conditions which can support or discourage people from visiting and interacting with urban parks. This research, based on the *Improving Wellbeing through Urban Nature* project, proposes a comprehensive Cost Benefits Analysis (CBA) for evaluating in monetary terms public and private costs and benefits. Viability and impacts of these interventions aimed at increasing the number of visitors and showing stakeholders and the public benefits rising from the natural capital are investigated.

9:00 am, Tuesday, 24 September 2019
L1 Lecture Theatre (room 113)
All are welcome.

