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Introduction

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The papers in this Special Issue were selected from two events. The first 8 were selected for publication from those presented at the ninth Conference of the International Society for Quality of Life Studies, in Florence, Italy, 19–24 July 2009. With Filomena Maggino serving as the Chair of the Program Committee, a smaller group also under her leadership served as the Selection Committee, with the help of critical reviews received from ISQOLS members. The second 6 papers were presented at a special symposium held at the Seventeenth World Congress of Sociology, 11–17 July 2010 in Gothenburg, Sweden, sponsored by the International Sociological Association and, more precisely, by the ISA Research Committee 55 on Social Indicators. Heinz-Herbert Noll arranged the symposium entitled “The Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi Report: Views from a Social Indicators Research Perspective”. These papers were reviewed by the Editor of *Social Indicators Research* and reflect both some central tendencies and some interesting variation of views of social indicators researchers concerning the very important Report.

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