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Each year Goal Advisor [Professor Wendy M. Purcell](#), together with Emerald Publishing, select a topic to explore what it means to become a fairer society and moves to invite experts around the world to share their insights. The topic is also used to curate related research papers and books. Past topics have included [human flourishing](#), [stewardship](#), [livable cities](#), [volunteerism](#), [fairness across generations](#), and [trust](#).

For 2024, the theme for A Fairer Society is **Quality of Life**. This is in line with UN-Habitat's work in this area.

You are invited to contribute a blog, vlog, short think piece, or commentary on Quality of Life for A Fairer Society.

A world that leaves no one and no place behind is a world where everyone's quality of life provides for their needs and enables them to realize their potential and aspirations. What does this mean to you and your work? What do we need to do and/or stop doing? What will it take for us to get from here to there? Can quality of life be a global ambition, realized locally for all?

The **deadline** for receipt is **April 9, 2024**. Please send of your draft to wendy.purcell@rutgers.edu marked 'FAIR QALY'. Accepted submissions will post on Emerald's A Fairer Society site in June 2024.

In addition, UN-Habitat is inviting you to express your interest to participate in the seventh season of the Global Urban Lectures which will also focus on the Quality of Life. [The Global Urban Lectures](#) is one of UN-Habitat's most popular knowledge products in which experts deliver a 15-minute lecture on themes related to sustainable urbanization. We are looking for speakers working on innovative applied research that relates to improving quality of life in cities, from across disciplines such as (but not limited to) – urban planning, behavioral economics, public health, food systems, psychology, and environment. Please submit your interest via this form by **March 25, 2024**: <https://forms.gle/vsbjv7xHZgVS3Cwe6>. Kindly reach out to andrew.schmidt@un.org or liyana.muhamadyusof@un.org if you have any question on the UN-Habitat Global Urban Lectures series.