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Whistle while you work: How to set policy that fosters wellbeing

We find ourselves in a new era; one in which the landscape of work has shifted dramatically. Gone are the days of a single career that spans the space between college and retirement. Similarly, the primacy of a paycheck has been replaced with other concerns such as meaningful work. In this interactive keynote address, Dr. Robert Biswas-Diener will discuss wellbeing at work. He will begin with a review of the evidence suggesting that happiness is business relevant. From there, he will challenge the audience to consider 12 aspects of modern work and how they affect job satisfaction and wellbeing. He will explain how organizations can create policies to support wellbeing and will discuss common obstacles to doing so. Finally, he will present case studies that illustrate his main points.