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Preface

This book is a systematized reflection on the research projects studying quality of life that I developed since 2002 in different universities of my country, Argentina.

In 2000, I joined the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS) and since then I have been studying quality of life. Till date, I have developed different types of studies: quantitative and qualitative; I studied quality of life with adult people and young people, community quality of life and labor quality of life, as well.

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