**Akumal Culture Schedule**

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Following is the schedule for the Akumal Culture Meeting 2001 and the list of attendees.

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| **January 3, Wednesday** |  |
| 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. | Welcome cocktail party: Brief discussion of our time schedule |
| **January 4, Thursday** |  |
| 9:00am to 10:30am | Ed Diener: Introduction, agenda, and the good society Reports of subjective well-being (SWB) across societies Measurement of SWB and quality indicators Discussion |
| 11:00am to 12:30pm | Discussion leader: Mel Konner Are there universals for SWB? At what level of abstraction? Universalist vs. culture-specific views Are there 'sick' and 'healthy' societies |
| 4:00pm to 4:30pm | Batja Mesquita (with Mayumi Karasawa): Different standards of good: Well-being and coping in the U.S. and Japan |
| 4:30pm to 5:00pm | Paul Rozin: Comforts and pleasures across cultures |
| 5:00pm to 6:00pm | Discussion led by Ara Norenzayan |
| **January 5, Friday** |  |
| 9:00am to 10:30am | Ed Diener: Values and norms for SWB; ideal levels; competition among values Approach and avoidance; the scrim |
| 11:00am to 11:30am | Shige Oishi: Data on differences in correlates across cultures |
| 11:30am to 12:30pm | Discussion leader: Shinobu Kitayama Differences in correlates and causes of SWB across cultures |
| 4:00pm to 6:00pm | Discussion leader: Dov Cohen Goals and standards, and SWB across cultures |
| **January 6, Saturday** |  |
| 9:00am to 10:30am | Informal brief presentations by participants (either data, an argument, or an idea) |
| 11:00am to 12:30pm | Discussion leader: Darrin Lehman Topic open |
| 4:00pm to 6:00pm | Discussion of needed research: Led by Richard Nisbett & Hazel Markus Potential small working groups of researchers |
| 7:00pm | Dinner |
| **January 7, Sunday** | Depart or at leisure |