



# Barcelona BID to host IUSSP's XXXI International Population Conference in 2029

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# Letter of Interest



## Dear Members of the Selection Committee for the 2029 International Population Conference,

It is a pleasure to write to you to propose Barcelona as the host city for the upcoming International Population Conference in 2029. This candidacy is led by the Centre for Demographic Studies (CED-UAB) and the DemoSoc Unit at UPF, and supported by a National Organizing Committee that brings together a distinguished group of demographers from our country, representing the leading universities and all major demographic research centers in Spain. In this proposal, we outline key details regarding the location of the conference — the Ciutadella Campus of Pompeu Fabra University (UPF) — as well as the tentative dates set for July 23–27, 2029.

Barcelona is a globally recognized city that has established itself as a premier conference destination over the past decades. Open to the Mediterranean Sea, it is a vibrant city with a rich cultural scene, excellent dining options, and a diverse range of hotels. If the conference does not coincide with another major event, Barcelona remains an affordable city, with the average hotel price currently around 108 euros, according to the latest statistics. Additionally, the city is well-connected by land, sea, and air. It can be reached by train and low-cost airlines from most European countries, and the number of intercontinental flights connecting Barcelona to major global cities continues to grow.

A distinctive feature of our proposal is to host the conference at a public university. This is a key aspect to ensure the economic viability of the event while reinforcing the connection between

the conference and the public academic sphere. At the same time, it allows us to maintain a central location with significant appeal. The details of our proposal are outlined below and will need to be discussed and agreed upon before the possible nomination of Barcelona as the host city. We have decided not to submit a budget at this stage, as everything depends on whether the IUSSP accepts the proposal to organize the conference at a public University and, eventually, is open to negotiating the economic terms and conditions regarding our fundraising strategy.

We hope our proposal is met with enthusiasm and that we can fulfill the dream of hosting the conference in Barcelona and Spain—a city and a country with a strong tradition in demographic studies.

**Sincerely,**

Albert Esteve (CED-UAB)

Mariona Lozano (CED)

Clara Cortina (UPF)

Carlos Sánchez (CED)

**Local Organizing Committee**

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# Who organizes?



This candidacy is supported by a group of internationally renowned experts in demography and population studies from various Spanish universities and research centers. They are organized in a **National Organizing Committee** (NOC) and a **Local Organizing Committee** (LOC), all coordinated by the **Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics** (CED), which acts as the research institution responsible for this proposal.

The **National Organizing Committee** (NOC) members are recognized scholars in the field of population studies, from leading universities in Barcelona as well as from the rest of Spain, with a balance of gender and areas of expertise. The list of the NOC members is:

- **Chair:** Albert Esteve. Director, CED. Professor of Sociology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. **(LOC)**
- Alícia Adserà. Senior Research Scholar, Lecturer in Economics and International Affairs. Director of Graduate Studies, Office of Population Research. Princeton University.
- Pau Baizán. ICREA Research Professor at Pompeu Fabra University. Member of the DEMOSOC group.
- Teresa Castro Martín. Research Scientist at the Spanish Council for Scientific Research.
- Clara Cortina. Associate Professor, Department of Political and Social Science. Member of the DEMOSOC group. Universitat Pompeu Fabra. **(LOC)**

- Juan Manuel García González. Professor of Sociology, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla.
- Rafael Grande. Associate Professor of Sociology, Universidad de Málaga.
- Cristina López Villanueva. Associate Professor of Sociology, Universitat de Barcelona.
- Mariona Lozano Riera. Senior Researcher, Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics, CED, Barcelona. **(LOC)**
- Verónica de Miguel. Associate Professor of Sociology, Universidad de Málaga.
- Carolina Montoro. Associate Professor of Geography, Universidad de Navarra.
- Joana Maria Pujadas-Mora. Associate professor of Historical Demography. Universitat Oberta de Catalunya.
- Maria Dolores Puga. Research Scientists, Institute for Economy, Geography, and Demography. Spanish Council for Scientific Research.
- Diego Ramiro. Head of the Department of Population Studies at the Spanish Council for Scientific Research.
- David Reher. Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Universidad Complutense de Madrid.
- Miguel Requena. Professor of Sociology, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia.



- Alberto del Rey. Professor of Demography, Universidad de Salamanca.
- Tim Riffe. Research Fellow, Ikerbasque–Universidad del País Vasco.
- Carles X. Simó. Professor of Sociology. Universitat de València.
- Aïda Solé–Auró. Associate Professor of Demography, Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Member of the DEMOSOC group.
- Sergi Vidal. Associate Professor of Sociology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona; Senior Research Fellow, CED.
- Francisco Villavicencio. Senior Research Fellow, Universitat de Barcelona.

The **National and Local Organizing Committees** will take care of the following aspects of the conference:

- Renting the conference venue(s), including exhibition and poster space and social events.
- Responsibility for the tasks associated with the effective development of the conference.
- Logistical arrangements for general events such as plenary or semi-plenary sessions, and conference reception.

- Provision of information about available hotel accommodation and other practical information for participants.
- Close liaison with the members of the International Organizing Committee (IOC), the IOC Steering Committee, and the Conference Secretary.

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The **Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics** (CED) is a public consortium between the Catalan Government and the Autonomous University of Barcelona. It was founded in 1984 with four basic aims:

- Research of excellence in the demography of Catalonia, Spain, and the World.
- Transfer of knowledge in demography oriented to public policy-making.
- Education and training of demographers.
- Dissemination and outreach of demographic results. CED is a leading research center in Europe.



The CED is the main research institution in demography in Spain & one of the foremost research centers in Europe

The **DemosSoc** (UPF) is an interdisciplinary research group specializing in demographic and sociological analysis, as well as labor market and criminology studies. It was founded in 1995 within the Department of Social and Political Science at Pompeu Fabra University

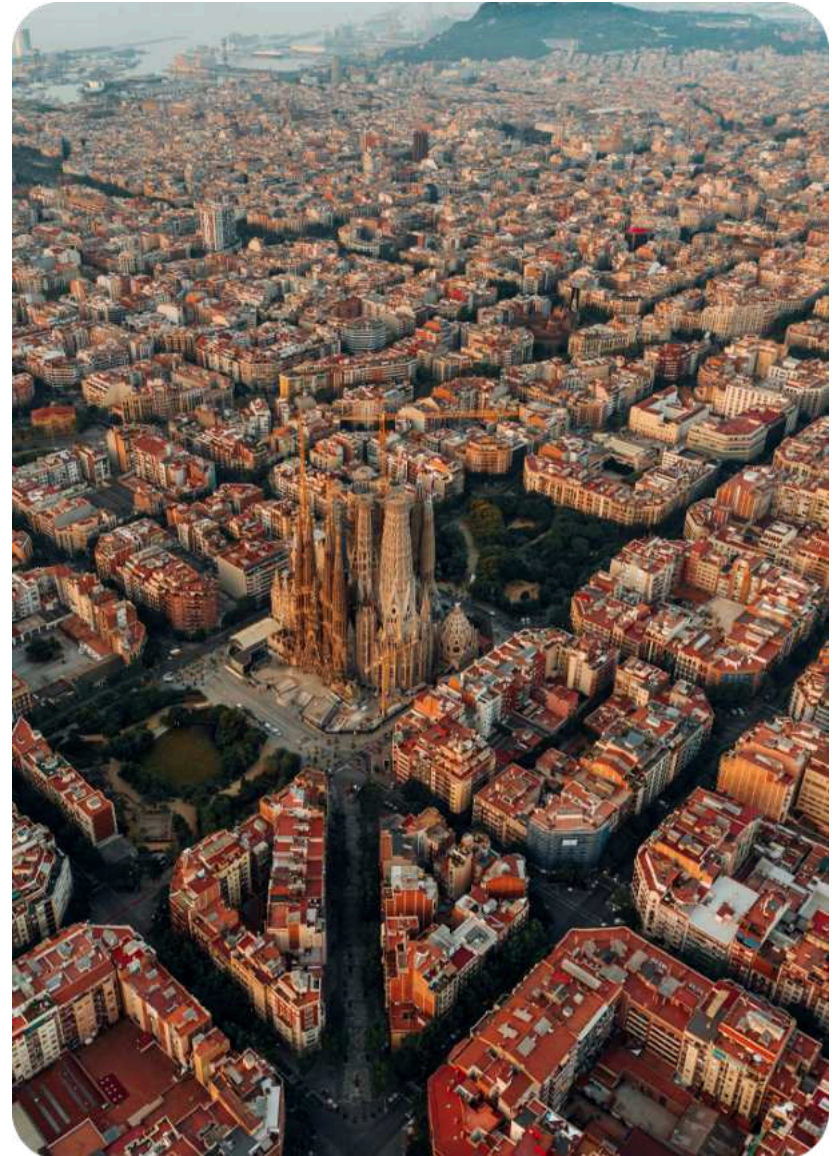
The DemoSoc is oriented towards quantitative and comparative research across populations

The DemoSoc unit has strong collaborative links with numerous international institutions in both Europe and North America, both as regards teaching and research. These include the Max Planck Institute for Demography (Rostock), the Institute National d'Études Démographiques – Ined (Paris), Nuffield College (Oxford), the Multidisciplinary Program in Harvard Inequality and Social Policy (Boston), the Rand Corporation, the Danish Institute for Social Research (Copenhagen), the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), University of Essex, the London School of Economics, Department of Sociology at the University of Bamberg, the Scienze del Lavoro of the University in Milano, the European University Institute (Florence), the University of Toronto, the University of Southern California (Los Angeles), Università Bocconi, Copenhagen University, NIDI (the Netherlands), and Stockholm University.



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# Details of the candidacy: Where, When & How



## Venue

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has selected the **Ciutadella Campus** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) as the venue to host the conference sessions for the IPC 2029. Early negotiations between the LOC and UPF have already materialized in a pre-agreement.

The Campus was built in 1998 and is located just a few meters from the seaside promenade and the city's Gothic Quarter, with quick and easy access to the city center, well-connected by public transport, and near accommodation options.



See **Ciutadella Campus's previous experience hosting international conferences in Appendix**



## Venue facilities




The Ciutadella Campus of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra facilities includes:

### 1 Plenary Hall (Auditorium)

350 	200 	125 	800 
Auditorium	a large room	2 large room	Total *

\* The Ciutadella Campus does not have a large hall for 800 people, but we will accommodate attendees in the Auditorium and additional rooms that will be connected via streaming.

### Session rooms\*

125 	200 	350 
14 rooms	1 room	Plenary Hall

\* The Ciutadella Campus does not have large rooms with a capacity between 200 and 400 people (except the Plenary Hall). A single session can be held in two adjacent rooms and connected via streaming.

### 2 Staff Offices

These will be available for the IUSSP and NOC staff. Mid-size fully equipped rooms.

## Extra rooms

designated for the Side Meetings, Media Room, VIP Room, and Storage Room.

## Exhibition Hall

Section 1 for publishers featuring booths in different size formats.  
Section 2 for the Poster Space.

## Registration Desk

Located next to the Exhibition Hall and the Plenary Hall. Staffed area for attendee check-in and inquiries.

See the pictures in Appendix 2.



## Accessibility

Fully accessible for individuals with disabilities, with ramps, elevators, and accessible restrooms.

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## Technical facilities

All session rooms are equipped with

- computer
- projector
- projection screen
- Internet connection
- microphone system (large rooms).

High-speed internet is available throughout the venue.

Equipment and staff for live streaming and recording sessions are available.

Cleaning and security services and air-conditioning are available.

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## Proposed Dates

The Local and National Organizing Committees will agree with the IUSPP, the IPC International Organising Committee (IOC), and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra authorities on the most convenient dates for the conference (availability of rooms according to its teaching calendar).

The proposed (tentative) IPC2029 dates are July 23–27, 2029

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## Airport

Barcelona has an international airport, with regular, direct connections to main airports worldwide, and expanding its routes and direct flights in the coming years. The distance between the airport and the city center – conference venue is around 30–35 minutes.

- **Metro** (L9 South), 30–35 minutes. It connects to other metro lines but does not go directly to downtown. You might need to transfer. Frequency: 5–7 minutes.

- **Express bus service** (Aerobus), 30–35 minutes. Plaça Catalunya (city center) is the start and end of the line. Frequency: 5–10 minutes.
  - **Train** (R2 North), 25–30 minutes. Stops in Passeig de Gràcia (city centre). Frequency: 30 minutes.
  - **Taxi**, 20–30 minutes (depending on traffic), door-to-door service.
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## Transportation

Barcelona has an efficient and well-connected public transport system, making it easy to get around the city and surrounding areas. The conference venue is well-connected by:

- **Metro** (L1 and L4)
- **Bus** (V21, V27, H14, H16, 47, 59)
- **Tram** (T5 and T6)

The city has an integrated fare system, so tickets work across the metro, buses, and trams. T-Casual (10 trips) or Hola Barcelona Card (unlimited travel for 2–5 days) would be the most convenient tickets throughout the conference.

## Accommodation

Barcelona has a large offer of accommodation options such as hotels (different categories), tourist apartments, and student residences. Around the Ciutadella Campus, there is a high number of hotels, and the downtown is only 10–15 minutes by public transport or 20–25 minutes walking distance.

See options in Appendix 3.



## Opening Ceremony

The Local and National Organizing Committee is planning to hold the Opening Ceremony in a historic and iconic building located in Barcelona downtown such as:

**Palau de la Música Catalana**

**Gran Teatre del Liceu**





# Fundraising & Sponsorship

The LOC is currently in the preliminary stages of detailing the budget. The final budget will be very much dependent on the terms and conditions that the parties involved in the organization of the Conference will agree upon. We will work to incorporate most of the requirements demanded by the organization, but at this stage, we cannot commit to all of them, as it is too early to know whether we will have the necessary budget.

## Appendix 1. Ciutadella Campus previous experience hosting international conferences

Several international conferences have been hosted by the Ciutadella Campus (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) over the past decade, in various formats and sizes. Some examples of these are:

- [European Consortium for Sociological Research Annual Conference](#). 12–14 September 2024. Conference organized by the European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) and the Socio-Demography Group (DemoSoc) of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra.
- [11<sup>th</sup> Science, Technology, Humanity, and the Earth Conference](#). 4–7 September 2024. Conference organized by the European Society for the History of Science (ESHS) and Universitat Pompeu Fabra.
- [40<sup>th</sup> Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence](#). 15–19 July 2024. Conference organized by the Association for Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (AUAI) and the Barcelona School of Economics.
- [EEA-ESEM Meeting of the European Economic Association & Meeting of the Econometric Society](#). August 28 – 1 September 2023. Conference organized by the European Economic Association, the Econometric Society and the Barcelona School of Economics.
- [Central Bank Research Association Annual Meeting](#). 29–31 August 2022. Conference organized by the Central Bank Research Association (CEBRA), Banco de España and the Barcelona School of Economics.
- [5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Public Policy](#). 5–9 July 2021. Conference organized by the International Public Policy Association (IPPA) and Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI).
- [50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies](#). 10–13 July 2019. Conference organized by the Association for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies (ASPHS) and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra.
- [11<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations](#). 13–16 September 2017. Conference organized by the European International Studies Association (EISA) and Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI).
- [28<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Papyrology](#). 1–6 August 2016. Conference organized by the Association Internationale de Papyrologues and Universitat Pompeu Fabra.
- [IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory](#). July 10–15 2016. Conference organized by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and Universitat Pompeu Fabra.

## Appendix 2. Venue facilities. Campus Ciutadella (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)



1. Plenary Hall (Auditorium)
2. Exhibition Hall
3. Courtyard for reception (outdoor)
4. Courtyard for reception / coffee breaks (indoor)
5. Rooms (various sizes, selection)

## Appendix 3. Accommodation options

Options close to the Ciutadella Campus (Universitat Pompeu Fabra):

- **H10 Marina Hotel**  
Av. Bogatell, 64-68  
08005 Barcelona  
+34 93 309 79 17  
[h10.marina.barcelona@h10hotels.com](mailto:h10.marina.barcelona@h10hotels.com)
- **SB Icària Hotel**  
Av. d'Icària, 195  
08005 Barcelona  
+34 93 221 82 00  
[reservations.icaria@sbhotels.es](mailto:reservations.icaria@sbhotels.es)
- **Hotel Motel One**  
Passeig de Pujades 11-13  
08018 Barcelona  
+34 93 626 19 00  
[barcelona-ciutadella@motel-one.com](mailto:barcelona-ciutadella@motel-one.com)
- **Residencia Universitària Ciutadella**  
Passeig Pujades, 33-37  
08018 Barcelona  
+34 93 394 32 00  
[ciutadella@resa.es](mailto:ciutadella@resa.es)
- **Residencia Universitària Campus del Mar**  
Pg. Salvat Papasseit, 4  
08003 Barcelona  
+34 93 390 40 00  
[campusdelmar@resa.es](mailto:campusdelmar@resa.es)

### Other nearby options

Insert zip codes 08005 or 08003

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