



International Seminar

## Looking backward, looking forward: African demography in historical perspective

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**Tuesday, 30 November**

9:30-10:30 **Welcome and introductions**

*10:30-10:45 Tea/coffee*

Session 1 10:45-12:30 **Fertility and reproduction (Chair: Stephen Wandera)**

Ann Garbett and Brienna Perelli-Harris: The untold story of 50 years of adolescent fertility in West Africa: A cohort perspective on the quantum, timing, and spacing of adolescent childbearing

Jeanne Cilliers and Martine Mariotti: Stop! Go! What can we learn about family planning from birth timing in settler South Africa, 1800-1910?

Hilde Bras, Adrien Remund, Valérie Delaunay: Trajectories of childbearing in a sub-Saharan African setting: Beyond spacing, stopping, and postponing?

*12:30-13:30 Lunch*

13:30-15:15 **Fertility and reproduction in Kenya (Chair: Caroline Bledsoe)**

David Ojaka: Trends and patterns in Kenya's fertility transition at sub-national levels: 1956-2014

Ian Timaeus: Later, shorter and a few more: pre-transitional fertility trends in Kenya, 1947-1967

Lynn Thomas: A layered history of Kenya's 2010 abortion debate

*15:15-15:30 Tea/coffee*





**15:30-17:15: Migration (Chair: David Ojaka)**

Michiel de Haas and Ewout Frankema: Shifting patterns of African migration, 1800-present

Ashira Menashe-Oren and Philippe Bocquier: The roles of internal migration and natural growth in the urban transition in sub-Saharan Africa, 1975-2015

\*Patrick Manning: Counting and categorizing African migrants 1980 – 2020: Global, continental and national perspectives

**Wednesday, 1 December**

**9:30-11:15: Population health and healthcare (Chair: Lynn Thomas)**

Jutta Bolt and Jeanne Cilliers: The expansion of colonial healthcare in twentieth century British Africa.

Nicolai Baumert: Health care under different colonial regimes: The historical roots of health care in colonial Cameroon, 1900 – 1960

Michael Chanda Chiseni: The sins of the Church: The long-term impacts of Christian missionary praxis on HIV and sexual behavior in Zambia

*11:15-11:30 Tea/coffee*

**11:30-13:15 Marriages, unions, and fertility (Chair: Ian Timaeus)**

Monica J. Grant and Hans-Peter Kohler: Marriage change and fertility decline in sub-Saharan Africa, 1992-2018

Valérie Golaz: Quantitative perspectives on couples and marriage in Kenya and Uganda

Christian Thibon: Fertility trends and changing marriage patterns, before the decade of crisis, 1980-1993 in Burundi and Rwanda

*13:15-14:15 Lunch*

**14:15-16:00: Microdata from parish registers (Chair: Kennedy Gitu)**

\*Felix Meier zu Selhausen: Colonial influences, labour market outcomes, and gender inequality: evidence from christian converts in urban British Africa

\*Shane Doyle: Family reconstitution: linking hospital and parish records in Africa

Sarah Walters and Sarah Rafferty: Parish registers for historical demography in East Africa: record linkage, censoring, and digitisation





**Thursday, 2 December**

**09:30-11:15 Population growth and sex ratios (Chair: Sarah Rafferty)**

Charles Amone: The nineteenth century slave trade and demographic changes in northern Uganda

Kennedy Gitu: From near demographic collapse to a 'bounce back': population growth, mobility and settlement in Samburu

Fran Marco Gracia and Johan Fourie: Missing boys: explaining South Africa's unbalanced sex ratio, 1894-2011

*11:15-11:30 Tea/coffee*

**11:30-13:00 Roundtable and open discussion: where are we now? (Chair: Martin Dribe)**

Discussants: Caroline Bledsoe, Stephen Wandera, Sarah Walters, Charles Amone

Themes arising from the conference: where are we now? (40 min roundtable, 50 min open discussion)

*13:00-14:00 Lunch*

**14:00-16:30 Where next? (with tea/coffee) (Chair: Sarah Walters)**

**Data: potential sources and technical needs** 40 min (20 min breakout, 20 min together)

**Research Themes** 40 min (20 min breakout, 20 min together)

**Funding opportunities, potential collaborations** 40 min (20 min breakout, 20 min together)

**Final wrap up and publication plans** (30 minutes)

\*Video presentation and virtual discussion

