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 Ojakaa: Trends and patterns in Kenya’s fertility transition at sub-national levels: 1956-2014


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

15:15-15:30 Tea/coffee
15:30-17:15: **Migration** *(Chair: David Ojakaa)*
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


### 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 heath 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