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Call for new IUSSP Panels

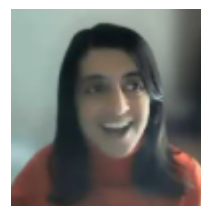
One of the main functions of the IUSSP is to stimulate and consolidate high-level scientific research on critical population issues and to develop and improve training and research in the population field. As our Panels are member-driven, the Council is now seeking proposals from IUSSP members for new Panels. Deadline for submissions: 15 May 2022.

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IUSSP Webinar Series

Social Norms as a Barrier to Women's Employment

The webinar, organized by Nkechi Owoo and moderated by Monica P. Lambon-Quayefio, was based on Seema Jayachandran's recent policy paper in the *IMF Economic Review*. Willa Friedman and Jean-François Kobiané served as discussants. [Watch the recorded webinar and read the written Q&A.](#)



The Demography of Sustainable Human Wellbeing

The Population-Environment Research Network (PERN) organized a cyberseminar on “The Demography of Sustainable Human Wellbeing” from 14 to 21 March 2022 introduced by a webinar on 14 March. Read Wolfgang Lutz’s background paper [Years of good life is a well-being indicator designed to serve research on sustainability](#) and click here to [watch the recorded webinar](#) and [read the experts’ papers](#) and the cyberseminar posts.



Upcoming IUSSP Panel Activities

Urban FP Panel at the Africities Summit 2022

The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development will organize a special session at the 9th Africities Summit, Kisumu, Kenya 17-21 May 2022, to raise awareness of FP and reproductive health issues among African urban policymakers and practitioners. ([Read more](#))



Data Revolution

For those of you interested in learning more about the Data Revolution ([see short definition](#)) the IUSSP has been maintaining a [web page](#) since 2014, listing activities, background documents, websites as well as various publications. The most recent are posted below.

- [Data literacy as a revolutionary act](#). Claire Melamed (Data Values Digest #25, 14 March 2022)
- [Data disharmony: How can donors better act on their commitments?](#) Discussion paper by Bill Anderson and Bernard Sabiti (Development initiatives, 2 March 2022)
- [Digital utopianism is dead. It's time to talk about data and power](#). Jennifer Oldfield (Data Values Digest #24, 28 February 2022)
- [New global survey shows that some national statistical systems are being left behind](#) (Paris 21, 2 February 2022)
- [Demystifying Big Data for Demography and Global Health](#), by Lori S. Ashford, Toshiko Kaneda and Emmanuel Letouzé (PRB's Population Bulletin • VOL. 76, NO. 1 • 2022)

([Data Revolution web page](#))

IUSSP Publications

Genus Special Collection

Population perspectives and demographic methods to strengthen Civil Registration and Vital Statistics systems, special open-access collection in *Genus*, edited by Romesh Silva, 2022.

([Download the articles](#))



News from the members

Members' new publications

- *Migrants, Mobility and Citizenship in India*, edited by Ashwani Kumar and R. B. Bhagat
- *Impacts psycho-socioéconomiques de la pandémie Covid-19 et du confinement au Maghreb*, edited by Rachid Chaabita
- *Impacts psycho-socioéconomiques de la pandémie Covid-19 et du confinement en Afrique subsaharienne*, edited by Rachid Chaabita
- *The Journal of Population and Sustainability*, Vol 6, No 1, 2022, edited by David Samways

New IUSSP members

Five new members and eight new Student Associates joined the IUSSP between 10 December 2021 and 1 March 2022. ([See list](#)) Please encourage your colleagues and students to become members.

Regional population associations

EPC 2022 in Groningen from 29 June to 2 July

The European Population Conference 2022 is coming soon. Join us from 29 June–2 July. EAPS is happy to bring the EPC to the beautiful and lively city of Groningen, The Netherlands for the first time, organizing the conference in collaboration with the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI-KNAW) and the University of Groningen. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, EPC 2022 will be the first hybrid EPC conference, unfortunately with a limited number of participants onsite. Registration is open [here](#). ([EPC 2022 website](#))



2022 ALAP Congress in Valparaíso, Chile

The Latin American Population Association (ALAP) is organizing its 10th congress in Valparaíso, Chile, 6-9 December 2022 on the main theme of “Sanitary, political, and socioeconomic crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean: the contribution of population studies”. The Call for Papers invites articles in Spanish, Portuguese, and English. The deadline for extended abstract or complete paper submission is 2 April 2022. Visit the [ALAP 2022 website](#) (in Spanish) or read key information in [English](#) or [Portuguese](#). ([ALAP 2022 Website](#))



Other announcements

Master Programme on "Global Demography" University of Vienna

The Master Programme on "Global Demography" of the University of Vienna will welcome its second cohort on 1 October 2022. The Programme is offered by the Department of Demography, one of the three pillars of the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital (IIASA, OeAW, University of Vienna). Deadline for applications: 2 May 2022. ([Read more](#))



IIPS Lectures

International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai organized the 20th Dr. C. Chandrasekaran Memorial Lecture on 24 February 2022. Former IUSSP President Peter McDonald delivered a [lecture on the origins and implications of low fertility](#). IIPS also organized the 11th Prof. Asha A Bhende Memorial Lecture on 28th January 2022. Prof. Poonam Muttreja, Executive Director of the Population Foundation of India, New Delhi, delivered a lecture on the theme “[The Roadmap to Population Stabilization in India: A case for reaching the unreachable](#)”. ([Read more](#))



IASSH awards for young researchers

Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) instituted the best publication awards for young researchers (below 35 years of age) of India. This is to encourage academic scholarship and quality scientific publications in social sciences and health studies. Three best publications of young researchers for the years 2020 and 2021 were selected by an expert committee, and the awards were announced by Prof. T. V. Sekher, President of IASSH in January 2022. ([Read more](#))



N-IUSSP

Recent articles

- Changing attitudes may explain the decline in US birth rates since 2007, Melissa S. Kearne, Phillip B. Levine
- America's pandemic of the unvaccinated, Joseph Chamie
- How close to your mother? Lifetime dynamics and racial differences, HwaJung Choi, Robert Schoeni, Hongwei Xu, Adriana Reyes, Deena Thomas
- The death toll of COVID-19 in Mexico in 2020, Víctor M. García-Guerrero, Hiram Beltrán-Sánchez
- A big challenge for the 21st century: will obesity cut the gains of longevity? Alfredo L. Fort
- Can policies halt the fertility decline? Janna Bergsvik, Agnes Fauske, Rannveig Kaldager Hart
- Educational gender inequality in sub-Saharan Africa: a cohort perspective, Joerg Baten, Michiel de Haas, Elisabeth Kempter, Felix Meier zu Selhausen
- Does educational mismatch affect labour emigration from Switzerland? Philippe Wanner, Marco Pecoraro, Massimiliano Tani
- The within-gender gap: employment inequality among US mothers, Ariel J. Binder
- The contribution of assisted reproduction in the Australian context of delayed childbearing, Ester Lazzari, Edith Gray, Georgina Chambers
- Generational overlap places a heavy burden on parents in the global South, Diego Alburez-Gutierrez
- The effect of migration on the fertility of Chinese women in the USA, Wanli Nie, Pau Baizan



([Read articles](#))

Calls

Calls for papers

- Call for Chapter Contribution. Health and Medical Geography in Africa – Methods, Applications and Development Linkages. Deadline for submissions: 31 March 2022
- Special Issue “The causes and consequences of depopulation” in The Vienna Yearbook of Population Research (VYPR). Deadline for submissions: 31 March 2022
- Appel à contributions: Trajectoires de familles migrantes et contributions aux sociétés d'appartenance : réflexions interdisciplinaires et internationales. Deadline for submissions: 31 March 2022
- 6th Human Mortality Database Symposium. Old and new challenges to longevity prospects. 16-17 June 2022, Paris, France. Deadline for submissions: 1 April 2022
- ALAP 2022 - X Congress of the Latin American Population Association. Valparaíso (Chile), 6-9 December 2022. Deadline for submissions: 2 April 2022
- International Conference on Population Geographies (online), 25-27 August 2022. Deadline for submissions: 15 April 2022
- PDR Special Issue: Pandemic Babies? The Covid-19 Pandemic and Its Impact on Fertility and Family Dynamics. Deadline for submissions: extended to 29 April 2022

- Población y Covid-19 en los países andino amazónicos (Bolivia, Ecuador y Perú) Deadline for submissions: 30 April 2022.
- Special Issue “Population, Food and the Environment” in Population and Environment. Deadline for submissions: 31 July 2022

Job opportunities

Jobs/Fellowships

- United Nations. Population Affairs Officer, P3 - Deadline for applications: 7 April 2022
- Senior Technical Director, EVIHDAF - Social and Behavior Change (SBC) research program - Position open until filled.

Doctoral / Post-Doctoral Positions

- PhD scholarship 2022-2025: From landscape detection to population dynamics. CNES/INED, France - Deadline for applications: 31 March 2022
- 3 postdoc positions ERC project POPCLIMA “Population Dynamics under Global Climate Change”, University of Bologna, Italy - Deadline for applications: 8 April 2022
- 3 doctoral students, French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED), France - Deadline for applications: 18 May 2022

Training

Training courses and workshops

- Barcelona Summer School of Demography-BSSD 2022. Deadline for applications: 31 March 2022
- European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD). Applications for school year 2022-2023. Deadline for applications: 22 April 2022
- Master Programme on "Global Demography", University of Vienna. Deadline for applications: 2 May 2022

Calendar

Forthcoming IUSSP meetings & other events

- Webinar. Family Planning in a Climate Crisis: Building Resilience for Women and Girls, online, 24 March 2022
 - UN World Data Forum webinar: Enabling a data-driven culture between the national and city level: How can National Statistical Offices and City Data Officers work together, online, 31 March 2022
 - 2022 Population Association of America annual meeting (PAA 2022), Atlanta, Georgia, 6 to 9 April 2022
 - European Population Conference (EPC 2022). Groningen, Netherlands and online, 29 June to 2 July 2022
 - **IUSSP Seminar on Unintended Pregnancy and Key Outcomes - Abortion and Unplanned Births**, Funchal, Madeira, 12-15 July 2022
 - **Meetings on Family planning in urban Africa**, Funchal, Madeira, 12-15 July 2022
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 - International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP 2022), Pattaya City, Thailand. 14 to 17 November 2022
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Submit your announcements

Feel free to share news from your institution and region so that we can keep all IUSSP members informed about recent or forthcoming events and opportunities in the population field. IUSSP members are welcome to submit information on conferences, job openings, post-doctoral positions, and research grants for inclusion in the newsletter and IUSSP website. Please send the information to contact@iussp.org and remember to include important dates for application deadlines (and photos when appropriate). Information should be sent by email or in a Word document so that it can be edited. For inclusion in the next Bulletin, please send information **by 1 June 2022**. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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IUSSP Statement on the Russian military offensive in Ukraine

The IUSSP joins the international scientific community ([see statements on the International Science Council website](#)) in expressing deep dismay regarding the military offensives being carried out by Russia in Ukraine and concern for Ukraine's citizens and the impact this conflict will have on all those in the region and beyond.

"This conflict has already generated a grave humanitarian crisis. Science has proven to act as a platform for dialogue even in times of war, and therefore is a resource on which to capitalize to avoid further loss of life and disruption including that to scientific research and infrastructures. The ISC counts members in all countries involved in this conflict. At a time when the demand and the potential for science to provide actionable knowledge to our global challenges on multiple fronts – climate change, the COVID-19 pandemic, and growing inequalities – are greater than ever, the current conflict in Ukraine and its consequences will hamper the power of science to solve problems when we should be harnessing it." (Read [full ISC statement](#).)

As a member of the International Science Council (ISC), we call attention to the [ISC Action Plan for Science in Exile](#). The ISC and its partners are committed to assisting the global scientific community in welcoming and protecting scientists who have been placed at-risk or become displaced by this conflict, by providing them opportunities to continue their work.

The ISC also provides other resources for scientists at risk, which can be found on the [Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science repository](#):

- [Advisory note: Procedures for addressing threats to scientific freedom](#) (issued May 2021)
- [ISC position on conference and event boycotts](#) (issued May 2021)
- [ISC position on visas and online accessibility](#) (issued May 2021)
- [Advisory note: Responsibilities for Preventing, Avoiding, and Mitigating Harm to Researchers Undertaking Fieldwork in Risky Settings](#) (issued September 2017)

In light of the current situation, the ISC encourages its members to consider the security and safety of all scientists in members' decision-making about their activities in the region.

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IUSSP President Shireen Jejeebhoy opened the first session by remarking that the new Council takes office at a time when demography as a discipline and IUSSP are in flux with new priorities, constrained funding for activities, and a need to reinvigorate the membership including by recruiting more early career scholars to join IUSSP. The Council hopes younger members will realize the benefits of belonging to the IUSSP.

The new Council also emphasized the importance of inclusiveness: the study of population requires the expertise of many disciplines. IUSSP is open to and needs all researchers working on population issues from many disciplines. We hope members will encourage their students and colleagues from diverse disciplines working on population issues to become IUSSP members.

Establishing new Scientific Panels

One of the most important tasks of the incoming Council is deciding on the composition of IUSSP scientific panels. Some previous panels will be renewed and the Council welcomes new suggestions for Panels. A call for new Panel suggestions has gone out and we hope many of you will respond. ([See the article in this Bulletin](#)).

Renewal of Early Career Task Force

To ensure that IUSSP activities also address the priorities of students and early career scholars, the Council decided to continue an Early Career group albeit under a new name. An Early Career Taskforce was set up by the previous Council to organize events of appeal to students and early career scholars for IPC 2021. Like other IUSSP Panels, the new group will have a small steering committee and other interested members may join as well.

Hardship Member Dues Rate and Free Student Associate Membership

Recognizing that the IUSSP dues rate can be onerous for some members, especially for those facing financial difficulties caused by COVID, the Council decided to extend the honor-based dues rate instituted in 2020, converting it to a hardship rate that members can select when renewing if they are unable to pay the regular dues set for their country of residence. The Council also decided to continue the free 4-year student associate membership, but hopes once that membership ends, students will become full dues paying members. We do hope those who can pay the full rate will continue to do so, as membership dues are a small but vital source of revenue for maintaining the IUSSP Secretariat and the many activities the Union carries out.

Member volunteers

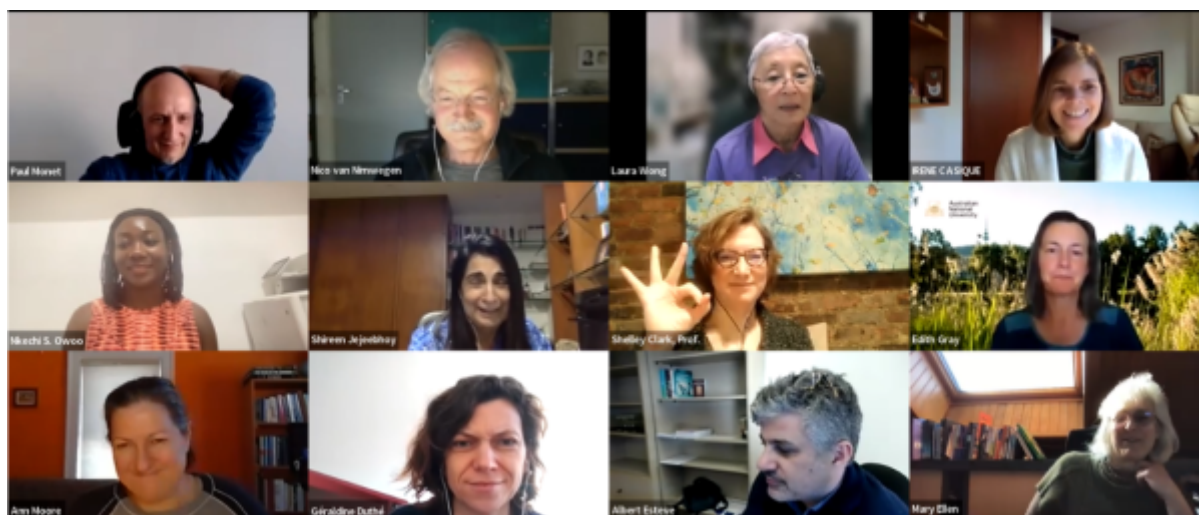
The Council is also seeking member volunteers to help organize new activities and encourage discussion and debate through blogs and member organized webinars. This will enable more members to become involved in IUSSP activities. If you are interested in volunteering, , have an idea for a webinar, or other activity, [please let us know here](#).

IPC2025 in Brisbane, Australia

A big task for the Council will be to organize the International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia in 2025. The incoming Council will review the survey and evaluation from IPC2021 as it reflects on how to incorporate some virtual or hybrid elements to ensure broad

participation in the Conference, though like the many who responded to the IPC2021 survey, all hope that IPC2025 can be held in-person.

The virtual Council meetings will continue in March and April.



Proposals for new IUSSP panels

One of the main functions of the IUSSP is to stimulate and consolidate high-level scientific research on critical population issues and to develop and improve training and research in the population field. IUSSP Scientific Panels play a key role in achieving this goal.

The Council, in carrying out its mandate to set the Union's scientific programme, will review all proposals submitted by IUSSP members, and select those it considers of greatest priority, taking into account the limit to the number of Panels the IUSSP can manage at a given time.

If you wish to propose a new panel, your proposal will be strengthened by following three steps:

- Consult the IUSSP website to review [current](#) or [past issues](#) addressed by IUSSP Scientific Panels.
- Familiarise yourself with the new short [Guidelines for IUSSP Scientific Panels](#).

Social Norms as a Barrier to Women's Employment

Keynote by Seema Jayachandran

Tuesday 8 March 2022, International Women's Day

- [Watch a recording of the webinar](#)
- [Q&A & Chat file](#)

Description:

Social norms influence many dimensions of women's lives. In some instances, these informal rules about what is considered to be acceptable or not within a community can adversely affect women's choices and outcomes, with further implications for their empowerment and agency. Despite the acknowledged presence of its negative implications, social norm violations can provoke community-wide disapproval and reprisals – a force that continues to sustain these practices. In this panel, we discuss a plethora of potentially adverse implications of social, and patriarchal, norms on women's economic and sexual and reproductive health outcomes in developing countries.

Social norms are critical to many areas of policy such as employment and health. Although social norms exert a powerful impact on people's behavior, they are typically difficult to measure directly and therefore, often neglected in the design of policy. Nonetheless, a number of countries are becoming more aware of and committed to the need to design critical policies to correct some effects of such norms on women's social and economic wellbeing. The seminar explores the nature of some policies that have been developed in several country contexts and how these have affected women's lives.

The webinar, organized by **Nkechi Owoo**, is based on **Seema Jayachandran's** recent policy paper in the *IMF Economic Review*. **Willa Friedman** and **Jean-François Kobiané** served as discussants. The discussion was moderated by **Monica P. Lambon-Quayefio**.

The Demography of Sustainable Human Wellbeing

14 to 21 March 2022

Background Papers: Lutz et al. 2021. [Years of good life is a well-being indicator designed to serve research on sustainability](#). Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences, 118 (12) e1907351118

Watch the kick-off [webinar](#)

Forum - [View Postings](#)

Invited Experts:

- Partha Dasgupta, University of Cambridge
- Vanessa di Lego, Austrian Science Academy, Vienna Institute of Demography
[More than the Sum of its Parts: A Call for a Paradigm Shift in the Concept and Measurement of Wellbeing](#)
- Kathryn Grace, University of Minnesota
- Wolfgang Lutz, Wittgenstein Center of Demography and Human Capital
- Jeff Sachs, Columbia University
- David Smith, The University of the West Indies
- Sonja Spitzer, University of Vienna
[How healthy are you really? Cross-country comparisons of wellbeing with survey data.](#)

Summary:

This cyberseminar focuses on the Demography of Sustainable Human Wellbeing. The purpose will be to vet a newly proposed indicator of human wellbeing “Years of Good Life” (YoGL), which counts only years of life above minimum levels of physical and mental health, income, and subjective life satisfaction. It can be calculated for all sub-populations of interest and has been tailor-made to serve as a criterion variable in sustainability science for assessing sustainable progress in human wellbeing over time. The webinar will also include expert contributions from producers of other wellbeing indices, including the World Happiness Index, the SDG Index, and the Planetary pressures–adjusted Human Development Index.

Organizers: Wolfgang Lutz, Raya Muttarak and Aayushma KC of the Wittgenstein Centre, which is an alliance of IIASA, the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the University of Vienna and Alex de Sherbinin, and Susana Adamo of PERN and CIESIN at Columbia University.

Urban FP panel at the Africities Summit 2022

The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development will organize a special session at the **9th Africities Summit** to be held in Kisumu, Kenya 17-21 May 2022 to raise awareness of family planning and reproductive health issues among African urban policymakers and practitioners. The Africities Summit is the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa's (UCLGA) flagship pan-African event, which is held every three years in one of the five regions of Africa. The theme of the 2022 Summit is the role of intermediary cities of Africa in the implementation of Agenda 2030 of the United Nations and the African Union Agenda 2063.

The Panel session, entitled “Family planning is critical to urban development: what you need to know and what you can do” brings the lessons learned about the contributions of family planning to urban development to city level mayors and policy makers in Africa. The session is organized in collaboration with The Challenge Initiative (TCI), a global platform for rapid scale-up of urban reproductive health solutions based at Johns Hopkins University with regional hubs in sub-Saharan Africa. It will feature research fellows and panel members from the Urban Family Planning project funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The session will be chaired by Hon. Esther Passaris, Nairobi County Women Representative, and moderated by Dr Nkechi Owoo, with Dr Donatien Beguy serving as discussant. The presentations and speakers include:

- How are family planning and urban development linked? (Dr James Duminy, University of Bristol)
- Urban reproductive health and family planning and their role in African city policies (Dr Alex Ezeh, Drexel University)
- Success in supporting African cities to improve reproductive health and family planning (Njeri Nyamu, TCI East Africa)
- Dr. Sunday Adedini (IUSSP research fellow, speaking on Ibadan and Kaduna, Nigeria)
- Dr. Moses Tetui (IUSSP research fellow, University of Waterloo, speaking on Kira municipality, Uganda)

The session seeks to:

- Debunk the myth that migration is the primary driver of urban growth in Africa – centering fertility in our understanding of African cities, and cities in our understanding of demographic change in Africa.
- Demonstrate the potential for family planning as a low-cost mechanism to promote urban economic development, gender empowerment, family planning and sustainable development, and city resilience.
- Show that development need not precede fertility decline and that meeting unmet need for family planning could have significant effects on fertility change.
- Discuss how family planning is representative of wider difficulties in integrating health interventions with urban governance.

IUSSP members attending the Africities Summit are invited to attend and join the discussion. Once the session time and date are available, they will be posted on the IUSSP website.

New members and student associates

New members:

Five new members joined the IUSSP between 10 December 2021 and 1 March 2022

Brazil: Flavia Longo. **China:** Yan Zheng. **Kenya:** Victor Apollo. **United States:** Keera Allendorf; Robert Bozick.

New Student Associates:

Eight new student associates joined the IUSSP between 10 December 2021 and 1 March 2022

Algeria: Saddek Chabane. **China:** Yingguihang Tian. **India:** Mihir Desai; Amrit John; Radhika Sharma. **Nepal:** Aryaa Rajouria. **Somalia:** Liban Ali Mohamud. **Viet Nam:** Truc Nguyen.