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IUSSP honoured with UN Population Award

On 11 July, World Population Day, the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) received the **2025 United Nations Population Award** in the Institutional Category at UN Headquarters in New York.

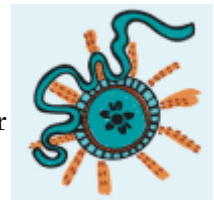
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International Population Conference

Highlights of IPC2025 in Brisbane

Missed Brisbane? Catch up on the highlights from IPC2025. Read how the Conference set the tone for the future of population science — and get ready for Barcelona 2029!”

[\(Read more\)](#)



Looking forward to the next IPC in Barcelona

The IUSSP Council is thrilled to announce that the **XXXI International Population Conference** will be held in **Barcelona, Spain** in 2029. This decision was announced by Albert Esteve at the IPC2025 closing ceremony.

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IPC activities by Population, Human Rights and Ethics Panel

The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Registers, Human Rights and Ethics organized two sessions at the 30th International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia 13-18 July 2025: a Research Leader Session on the Future of Population Registers Systems on 14 July and a regular session on Population Registers, Human Rights and Ethics on 15 July. The Panel also held an internal workshop with the fellows. [\(Read more\)](#)



IPC session on Rethinking FP Measurement

On July 14, 2025, the IUSSP Panel on Rethinking Family Planning Measurement with a Reproductive Justice and Rights Lens convened an interactive, 1.5 hour research leader session at the IPC2025. Panel members led participants through a two-part exercise building on the consultative process the Panel initiated in late-2024.

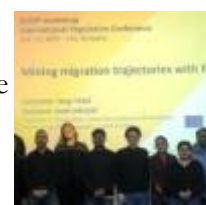
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IPC activities by Lifetime Migration Panel

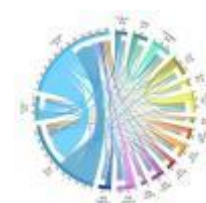
The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Lifetime Migration organized a preconference hands-on workshop on "Mining Migration Trajectories with R" on 13 July, at the University of Queensland, as well as a regular conference session on "Internal Migration as a Life-Course Trajectory".

[\(Read more\)](#)



IPC activities by the Panel on Priorities in International Migration Research

The IUSSP Scientific Panel on Priorities in International Migration Research organized a **Pre-conference workshop on Tools for Handling, Measuring and Visualising Migration Data in R** on 12 July at the University of Queensland, prior to the 30th International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia. [\(Read more\)](#)



IPC activities by the Panel on COVID-19, Fertility, and the Family

The IUSSP Scientific Panel on COVID-19, Fertility, and the Family organized a **Pre-conference workshop on Gender, Reproduction and Family Dynamics in the Post-Pandemic Era** on 13 July at the University of Queensland, prior to the 30th International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia.

[\(Read more\)](#)



IUSSP Elections & General Assembly

Elect the next IUSSP Council – Vote now!

Elections for IUSSP Officers and Council members for 2026-2029 as well as members of the 2029 Committee on Nominations began on 15 September and will end on 27 October. Eligible members received an email on 15 September to access the ballot and vote. **Please check your spam folder if you have not received that email. Voting is important!**

[\(Read more\)](#)

Online General Assembly in November

The IUSSP General Assembly will take place **online on Thursday 13 November** at 13:00 UTC (8:00 am New York / 14:00 Paris / 18:30 New Delhi / 21:00 Shanghai). **Register in advance to save the date in your calendar.** The second half of the meeting will feature breakout rooms where members can exchange with the IUSSP Scientific Panels and other groups.

Some **background documents**, including a number of Panel reports are already available.

[\(Read more\)](#)

IUSSP Awards

2025 Laureate ceremony for France Meslé

The 2025 Laureate Award ceremony in honour of France Meslé will be held in **hybrid format**, on Tuesday **7 October 2025** at INED (Paris) and online at 14:30 Universal Time / 16:30 Paris time. **Register in advance if you wish to attend via Zoom.** ([Read more](#))



Call for 2026 IUSSP Laureate Award

The IUSSP Laureate Award honours **exceptional achievements** in the population field. Nominate a deserving colleague for the 2026 IUSSP Laureate Award. **Deadline for nominations: 1 December 2025.** ([Read more](#))

IUSSP–Mattei Dogan Award presentation by KG Santhya at IPC2025

KG Santhya, the 2025 recipient of the IUSSP-Mattei Dogan Foundation Award for Comparative Research in Demography, gave a **lecture during the closing ceremony of the 30th International Population Conference** in Brisbane, Australia. ([Read more](#))



IUSSP Early Career Awardees at IPC2025

The 2023 and 2025 IUSSP Early Career Awardees present at the 30th International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia took part in a special session entitled **Kickstart Your Career in Demography: Insights from Award-Winning Early Career Researchers**. The session presented a unique opportunity for early career researchers from all regions of the world to learn directly from emerging leaders in the field of demography how they navigated the challenges of the early career stage, from securing funding and tenure-track positions to building international collaborations and developing successful publication strategies. ([Read more](#))



IUSSP Panel activities

New Ways of Transcribing Data on Epidemics

The interdisciplinary workshop on **“New Ways of Transcribing, Visualizing, Publishing, and Providing Access to Data on Epidemics and Contagious Diseases”** was held online on 18 June 2025, hosted by the Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich and organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on 'Epidemics and Contagious Diseases: The Legacy of the Past'. ([Read more](#))



How Did We Lift the Burden?

On 28–29 August 2025, Radboud University, in collaboration with the IUSSP Scientific Panel on 'Epidemics and Contagious Diseases: The Legacy of the Past', organized the international workshop **"How Did We Lift the Burden? Infectious Disease Mortality in the Western and Non-Western World (1800–Now)"**. ([Read more](#))



Members News

Members' new publications

- "Inequality, economic stress, and demographic response", a special issue of *Explorations in Economic History* 2005 edited by Tommy Bengtsson, Cameron Campbell and Karen Clay
- *Migration Studies: The Fundamentals*, Avijit Mistri, Md. Selim Reja and Bhaswati Das

([Read Summaries](#))

What does a physician know about and feel about human population?

Richard Grossman, MD, MPH invites you to check out his blog - [Population Matters-USA](#). If you like what you see, you can either join the listserv from the blog or contact him directly (richard@population-matters.org). Subscribers will receive only one email each month. As a novice demographer, Richard Grossman welcomes feedback and would appreciate help from experienced demographers to make these essays better! (*Note the hyphen, which distinguishes this website from the Population Matters-UK charity website*).

In memoriam

- **Malcolm Potts** (1935–2025)

Dr. Malcolm Potts, a trailblazer in international family planning and women's reproductive health, died in Berkeley, CA, on April 25, 2025. A University of Cambridge-trained obstetrician and reproductive scientist, Malcolm Potts emerged in the 1960s as a leader in what was then a revolutionary movement for access to reliable contraception and safe abortion.



New IUSSP members

Seven new Members and 8 new Student Associates joined the IUSSP between 1 June and 31 August 2025. Please encourage your colleagues and students to become members.

([See list](#))

Regional Population Associations

2026 PAA Annual Meeting in St-Louis, MO

The next Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA) will take place in St. Louis, Missouri (United States) from 6 to 9 May 2026. PAA welcomes your submissions for the PAA 2026 call for papers. **Deadline for submissions: 5 October 2025.**

([read more](#))



EPC2026 in Bologna, Italy

The next European Population Conference (EPC 2026), organized by the European Association for Population Studies (EAPS) in collaboration with the University Bologna, will be held in Bologna, Italy, from 3-6 June 2026. **Deadline for submissions: 1 November 2025.**

([Read more](#))



Other Announcements

Center for Aging, Extreme Events, & Health

The NIA-supported virtual Center for Aging, Extreme Events, & Health (CACHE) facilitates research and fosters collaboration among a wide-range of scholars interested in the nexus of aging, health and climate change. **Fill in the Form to join the CACHE mailing list** and get information and access to resources and make interdisciplinary connections. ([Read more](#))



Estudios Demográficos y Urbanos

Estudios Demográficos y Urbanos is a free of charge, open access scientific journal published continuously, specialized in the analysis, research, and reflection on demographic, urban, and environmental dynamics in Latin America and the world. The journal is aimed at a specialized audience, and all manuscripts submitted are subject to a double-blind peer review process, ensuring rigor and academic quality in its publications. Since its creation in 1986, the journal has established itself as a reference in its field, offering a space for academic discussion through the following sections. ([For more information and to submit manuscripts, read more](#))



Indian Journal of Population and Development

Indian Journal of Population and Development is an open access journal published online twice a year. It seeks to advance the understanding about the interaction between population factors and different dimensions of development in a variety of social, economic, cultural and environmental settings. The latest issue (5(1)) is available [here](#).

N-IUSSP

Recent articles

- Does grit matter for migration? The case of South Africa 2018–2020, Michael J. White, Tyler W. Myroniuk, Carren Ginsburg, Chantel Pheiffer
- Is there a strong two-child norm among U.S. women? Julia Behrman, Emily Marshall, Florian Keusch
- The silent rise of solitary older adults in Ghana, Andrew Kweku Conduah
- Why delaying old-age pension claiming might not be worth the risk for everyone, Sha Jiang, Wenyun Zuo, Guo Zhen, Tuljapurkar Shripad
- Ten years of emergency contraception in Italy (2012–21), Gianpiero Dalla Zuanna, Anna Giraldo, Marzia Loghi
- How internal migration affects sex-ratios in rural eastern Germany, Nico Stawarz, Matthias Rosenbaum-Feldbrügge, Nikola Sander
- Mental disorder and (reduced) fertility in Norway, Øystein Kravdal, Martin Flatø, Fartein A. Torvik
- The growing role of ART in fertility rates in Norway, Alice Goisis, Jenny Chanfreau, Øystein Kravdal
- Depression is rising in China, Tingshuai Ge, Frans Johannes van Leeuwen, Quanbao Jiang, Liliya Leopold
- Divergent pathways into adulthood in the Global South, Shelley Clark, Khandys Agnant

([Read articles](#))



Calls

Calls for papers

- 2026 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA), St-Louis, Missouri (United States), 6-9 May 2026. Deadline for submissions: 5 October 2025
 - 2026 European Population Conference (EPC 2026), Bologna, Italy, 3-6 June 2026. Deadline for submissions: 1 November 2025
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Training

Training courses and workshops

- Training course on Topics in Digital and Computational Demography, MPIDR, Rostock, Germany & Online, 3-7 November 2025. Application deadline: 28 September 2025
 - Formation régionale en genre, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 17-28 November 2025. Application deadline: 25 October 2025.
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Career and Study Opportunities

Jobs/Fellowships/PhD Positions/Post-Docs

- Postdoctoral Researcher in Demography, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford (United Kingdom). Deadline for applications: 29 September 2025
 - Post-Doctoral Research Fellow on family and housing projections using microsimulation, University of St Andrews (United Kingdom). Deadline for applications: 1 October 2025
 - Postdoc/Research Scientist Positions in Migration, Population Dynamics & Computational Demography, MPIDR. Deadline for applications: 10 October 2025
 - Postdoc on the exposure of immigrant children to environmental risks in France - TIERED project (Sciences Po/INED). Deadline for applications: 15 October 2025
 - 3-year fully funded PhD studentship on microsimulation modelling on the socio-economic determinants of health and health inequalities, ISER, University of Essex (United Kingdom). Deadline for applications: 30 October 2025
 - Professor and Director of HKU Research Hub of Population Studies, The University of Hong Kong. Deadline for applications: 31 October 2025
 - Assistant Professor in Environmental Social Sciences, Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability, Stanford University. Deadline for applications: 1 November 2025
 - 2 or more open-rank professorships, Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen (Denmark). Deadline for applications: 15 November 2025
 - Professor in Demography – UCLouvain (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium). Deadline for applications: 15 November 2025
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Calendar

Forthcoming IUSSP meetings & other events

- **6th International Workshop on Multiple Cause-of-Death Analysis**, Barcelona, Spain, 16-17 October 2025
 - 7th International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP), Bogotá, Colombia, 3-6 Nov 2025
 - WIC Conference 2025 on “Demographic Perspectives on Migration in the 21st Century”, Vienna, Austria, 19-21 November 2025
 - 2026 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA), St. Louis (Missouri), United States, 6-9 May 2026
 - 2026 European Population Conference (EPC 2026), Bologna, Italy, 3-6 June 2026
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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](#), [calls for papers](#), [training](#), [career or study opportunities](#) as well as their [recent publications](#) or [peer-reviewed software](#) 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 December 2025**. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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IUSSP Receives 2025 United Nations Population Award

United Nations, New York, 11 July 2025

The International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) was honoured with the **2025 United Nations Population Award in the Institutional Category** at a ceremony held at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Presenting the award, **Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director**, described the IUSSP as a global leader in advancing the scientific study of population since its founding in 1928. She emphasized the Union's long history of promoting international collaboration and exchange among population researchers and policymakers, helping to build capacity in demography both globally and nationally.

- [Watch video by Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director](#)

Dr. Kanem highlighted IUSSP's role in fostering the creation of regional population associations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and in supporting innovation and diversity within the field through its Early Career Award for emerging scholars. She also noted the Union's work to address pressing population challenges such as forced migration and family planning in urban contexts, and its convening of the International Population Conference every four years as a platform for global knowledge exchange.

Since 1975, she observed, IUSSP has produced over 250 publications that have informed policy development on demographic issues. "Congratulations to the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, 2025 Laureate in the Institutional Category," she concluded.

Accepting the award on behalf of the Union, **IUSSP President-elect Laura Rodriguez Wong** expressed gratitude for the recognition of nearly a century of contributions by population scientists worldwide ([Read Laura Wong's speech](#)). She recalled the Union's historic role in advancing demographic research, from supporting the development of global fertility and health surveys to contributing to the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). She emphasized IUSSP's continuing efforts to strengthen data systems, improve civil registration, and engage with global challenges such as fertility decline, ageing, migration, and the demographic impacts of climate change.

Looking to the future, she underlined the Union's commitment to fostering scientific collaboration, engaging early-career scholars, and ensuring that demographic knowledge informs policy and practice—especially in the Global South. "This award encourages us to continue promoting peace, dignity, and equality on a healthy planet," she said.

The ceremony was attended by representatives of UN Member States, officials from UN agencies, and members of the diplomatic and scientific communities. Many IUSSP members based in the New York region were also present and joined in celebrating this important recognition for the Union.



Laura Wong and John Wilmoth.



Highlights of the International Population Conference in Brisbane

Brisbane, Australia, 13-18 July 2025

IPC2025: A Global Reunion in Brisbane

The 30th International Population Conference (IPC2025), held in Brisbane, Australia, from 13–18 July 2025, brought together **1,300 participants from 98 countries** for six days of scientific exchange, learning, and networking. This was the **first in-person IPC since 2017**, following the COVID-related cancellation of the Hyderabad conference in 2021; the excitement of reuniting after eight years was palpable.

The **programme** was rich and diverse: more than 950 oral presentations and 205 posters covering 24 thematic areas of population research, alongside plenary sessions, research leader sessions, side meetings, and 13 pre-conference workshops that took place before the Conference opened at the University of Queensland. Topics ranged from fertility, mortality, migration, and ageing to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), gender dynamics, climate change, indigenous populations, and new methods in data collection and analysis.

Despite the challenges of limited funding and difficulty in obtaining visas, those who attended in Brisbane were impressed with the conference organization and facilities and the city of Brisbane. Participants rated the conference as excellent and praised the high quality of the sessions and the opportunity to connect with colleagues from around the globe. The Conference welcomed a particularly large cohort of early-career scholars, many of whom were attending their first IPC.

Conference figures:

- 2,300 submissions to the Call for Papers
- 1,069 papers included on the programme in an oral session
- 950 papers presented in an oral session
- 205 posters presented in 4 Poster sessions
- 11 Research Leader and Invited Sessions
- 6 invited sessions on the demography of Australia and the Pacific region
- 6 plenary sessions
- 13 pre-conference training workshops
- 12 exhibitors

Opening Ceremony: A Warm Welcome to Country



Welcome to Country, by Tribal Experiences.

IPC2025 opened on 13 July with a powerful **Welcome to Country**, honoring Australia's First Nations people. Welcoming remarks followed from the Australian Population Association, the Australian government, UNFPA and the IUSSP leadership. In her **opening address**, IUSSP President **Shireen Jejeebhoy** celebrated the global reunion while acknowledging the challenges demographers and those working on population issues face: widening inequalities, threats to SRHR, ultra-low fertility, climate change, migration crises, and threats to the integrity of demographic data.

She reminded participants of the Union's mission: to advance the scientific study of population, to encourage exchange across borders, and to provide evidence that helps societies confront complex demographic realities. Shireen Jejeebhoy also noted that IUSSP had been recently honored for its mission and service to the field receiving the **2025 United Nations Population Award**, presented just days earlier in New York to incoming President Laura Rodriguez Wong. IUSSP Honorary President Peter McDonald (2010-2013) came to the stage for a final welcome address. The ceremony closed on a high note with a reception, where colleagues reconnected and first-time attendees were welcomed into the IUSSP community.



From left to right: Peter McDonald, Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi, Ann Evans, Mary Ellen Zuppan, Shireen Jejeebhoy, Julia Bunting, Nick Latimer, Edith Gray and Nico van Nimwegen.

Highlights from the Plenaries

The plenary sessions provided a unifying thread across the week, each addressing critical demographic issues from global and regional perspectives:

- Monday 14 July*
UNFPA Plenary: A Population Data Emergency: The Silent Threat to Global Development highlighted the growing North–South divide in data systems and called for investment in resilient, inclusive, and equitable data.
- Tuesday 15 July*
IUSSP Plenary: Challenges to SRHR: Meeting the Moment explored the mounting threats to reproductive rights and warned of the risks of evidence being sidelined in policymaking.
- Wednesday 16 July*
National Organising Committee Plenary: Australia’s Population Story provided an overview of Australia’s diverse population and a national case study showing how demographic evidence informs budgetary planning and long-term development in Australia.
- Thursday 17 July*
IUSSP Plenary: Crises, Shocks and Resilient Populations: Coping with Harsh Realities examined how climate change, conflict, pandemics, and economic shocks interact with population dynamics, focusing on resilience strategies at individual and institutional levels.



IUSSP Plenary on Crises, Shocks and Resilient Populations: Coping with Harsh Realities (Arnstein Aassve).

The plenaries captured the urgency of the moment underscoring the relevance of the population sciences and the vigilance and creativity required to ensure demographic evidence informs policy.

Scientific and Policy Themes

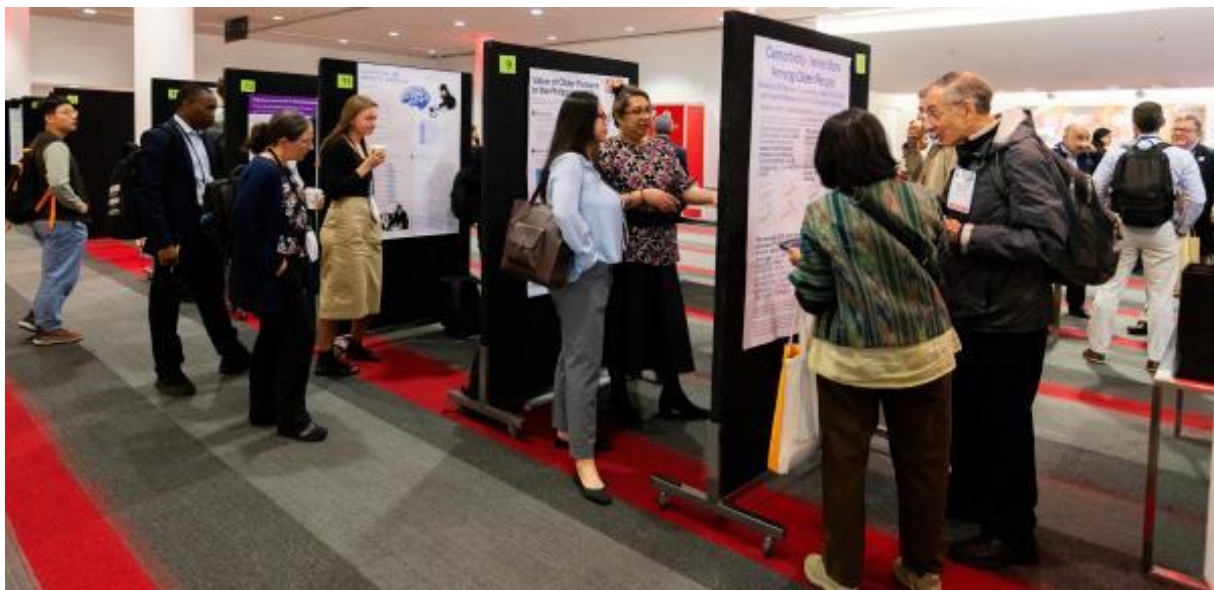
Across the 190 regular sessions and 205 posters, the breadth of research was striking. Presentations highlighted new evidence on fertility decline, ageing, migration, and family change, while others showcased methodological innovation, including the use of satellite data, big data, and microsimulation.



Plenary session on Challenges to SRHR: Meeting the Moment (Anju Malhotra and Zeba Sathar)

Several sessions focused on **sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)**, with concern expressed over restrictions in many settings and the consequences for women and youth. Climate change and conflict were recurring themes, with demographers documenting the impacts of displacement, mortality, and resilience strategies. Many sessions also returned to the question of data: how to ensure continued investment in censuses, surveys, and registries while harnessing new opportunities offered by big data and AI.

Over 200 posters were presented during the daily poster sessions scheduled Monday to Thursday offering another venue for researchers to directly present and discuss the results of their research with participants. **Each day a jury selected a “best poster”**. Participants could visit the exhibits meeting with representatives of research and training institutes, statistical agencies, national and regional population associations and training centers and UNFPA.



Participants and Diversity

The conference attracted participants from **all regions of the world**, with strong representation from Asia-Pacific (46%), Europe (21%), Africa (16%), Northern America (13%), and Latin America and the Caribbean (5%). The largest national delegations came from India (201), Australia (176), the United States (146), China (56), and Italy (56).

Women made up **51% of participants**, and nearly half of participants were under the age of 40. Universities and research institutes dominated (77%), followed by government agencies (11%), NGOs and private sector (9%), and international organizations (2%). Importantly, the Conference welcomed a new generation of scholars, many of whom benefited from targeted mentoring and practice sessions before the conference to strengthen their presentations.

Participants included not only researchers and academics from diverse disciplines but also representatives from government agencies, international organizations, national statistical offices, NGOs, and policymakers—including a parliamentary delegation from Ghana. The IPC provided a unique neutral forum for scientists, policymakers, and program managers to take stock of demographic trends, share evidence, assess policy responses, and discuss innovative approaches to data collection and analysis. The conference welcomed a large cohort of early-career researchers, many attending their first IPC, strengthening global networks and building capacity for the future.



Ghanaian parliamentarian challenging the population scientists from all over the world gathered in Brisbane: "Tell us what to do!".

Supporting Global Participation

Funding was crucial in enabling a diverse group of participants to attend. With support from **UNFPA**, the **Gates Foundation**, and **IUSSP reserves**, 270 applicants were selected for financial assistance, and **207 ultimately received support**. Of those funded, **52% were women and 66% were under the age of 40**. The majority came from Asia (63%), Africa (18%), and Latin America (14%). This support was particularly critical for LMIC participants, who might otherwise have been unable to attend.

Closing Ceremony and Awards

The Conference concluded on 18 July with a **celebratory Closing Ceremony**. Awards were presented for the **best posters**, the **IUSSP Early Career Awards**, and the **IUSSP-Mattei Dogan Award for Comparative Research in Demography**, awarded to KG Santhya who gave an address on “Growing up in the SDG Era: Diverse Realities of Young People in LMICs”. Outgoing President Shireen Jejeebhoy reflected on the overwhelmingly positive participant feedback, which praised the conference venue and smooth organization, the exciting sessions and the many excellent presentations.



Laura Rodriguez Wong, the next IUSSP President (2026-2029)

Incoming President **Laura Rodriguez Wong** **looked ahead to the next four years**, setting priorities around SRHR, fertility decline, climate change, ageing, migration, and the transformative impact of big data and AI. She emphasized the Union's commitment to inclusion and capacity building, particularly for young and LMIC scholars. A final farewell and thanks was given by Tabitha Scott, an early career demographer and PhD student at the Australian National University.

The Conference ended with the much-anticipated announcement: the **31st International Population Conference will be held in Barcelona in 2029**.

Looking Ahead

IPC2025 reaffirmed the International Population Conference as the world's leading forum for population research and policy dialogue. Participants praised the scientific quality, the smooth organization, and the warm hospitality of our Australian hosts. Survey results confirmed the success: 79% rated the scientific programme as excellent or very good, 76% highlighted networking as a key benefit, and 78% said they would recommend IPC2029 to colleagues.

The energy, insights and connections made at Brisbane will continue to inspire our community as we continue our work to address the demographic challenges and opportunities in the years to come. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all members, partners, and funders who made IPC2025 possible—and we look forward to seeing you in Barcelona in 2029!

Research Leader and Invited Sessions

(for speakers and description visit <https://ipc2025.popconf.org/>)

1. **Free-Use Data for Research: IPUMS Census & Survey Microdata & The CORESIDENCE Database** (14 July)
2. Research Leader Session: **India's Demographic Resilience: Pathways to Economic Growth and Gender Dividend for a Developed India by 2047** organized by UNFPA India (14 July)
3. **Meet the Editors: How to Get Published in a Peer-reviewed Journal** (14 July)
4. Research Leader Session: **World Population Prospects: Recent Innovations, User Experiences and Future Developments**, organized by the United Nations Population Division (14 July)
5. Research Leader Session: **The Future of Population Register Systems**, organized by the IUSSP Panel on Population Registers, Ethics and Human Rights (14 July)
6. Research Leader Session: **Application of the Degree of Urbanisation for Demographic Research and Policy** organized by UNFPA (15 July)
7. Research Leader Session: **Interactive Discussion on Moving Family Planning Measurement Forward with a Rights and Justice Lens** (IUSSP Scientific Panel on Rethinking FP Measurement) (15 July)
8. **Building a Stronger Global Population Community with IUSSP Affiliated Institutions** (15 July)
9. **Regional Population Associations' Session: Addressing Data Concerns** (17 July)
10. **Kickstart Your Career in Demography: Insights from Award-Winning Early Career Researchers** (17 July)
11. **Behind the Data: Lessons from the Generations and Gender Programme** (18 July)



Research Leader Session on World Population Prospects: Recent Innovations, User Experiences and Future Developments, organized by United Nations Population Division with (left to right) - Jamaica Corker, Anne Goujon, Vladimir Canudas-Romo, Soumaila Ouedraogo, and Reiko Hayashi.

Australian National Organizing Committee Sessions

(for speakers and description visit <https://ipc2025.popconf.org/>)

The Australian National Organizing Committee organized invited sessions focusing on Australia and the Pacific region:

1. Flash Session on **Demography Down-Under** (16 July)
2. **Managing Fertility in Contemporary Australia: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities** (16 July)
3. **What Demographers Should Know about Mapping Social Cohesion in Australia** (16 July)
4. **Pacific Demography 1** (16 July)
5. **Pacific Demography 2** (16 July)
6. **Urban Indigenous Population and Health** (16 July)

Pre-conference workshops at the University of Queensland

(for descriptions visit <https://ipc2025.inssp.org/side-meetings-and-workshops/>)

1. Advances in Mortality Forecasting (11 and 12 July)
2. Agent-based modeling for family planning (FPsim) (12 July)
3. Demographic Microsimulation in R using SOCSIM: Modelling Population and Kinship Dynamics (13 July)
4. Exploring and Analyzing Satellite Gridded Data with R and Git Code Tracking (12 July)
5. Exploring migration patterns using digital trace data (12 July)
6. Gender Inequalities in a Digital World: Perspectives from Digital Demography (12 July)
7. Gender, Reproduction and Family Dynamics in the Post-Pandemic Era (13 July)

8. Population Projections by Age, Sex, and Multistate Categories with Stata: Exploring the leslie program (12 July)
9. Power-shifting in the field of Sexual and Reproductive Health Research (13 July)
10. South Asia Gender Equity Researcher Gathering (12 July)
11. The Iterative Intercensal Method of Mortality Estimation with Stata: Mastering the ilt command (12 July)
12. Tools for Handling Migration Data in R (12 July)
13. Workshop on Mining Migration Trajectories with R (13 July)

One workshop was organized during the conference:

14. Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (15 July)

Exhibitors

Thank you to our Exhibitors for their involvement in the conference.

- Australian Institute of Family Studies
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- Asian Demographic Research Institute
- Australian National University
- Australian Population Association
- Guttmacher Institute
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
- Statistics Korea
- Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
- Statistics, Data, Analytics, Solutions
- UNFPA
- Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital

Sponsors

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- Queensland Events and Tourism
- Brisbane Economic and Development Agency
- Australian Government Centre for Population, Treasury
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Australian Government, Home Affairs
- Australian National University
- Life Course Centre, University of Queensland

Selected photos:



The International Organising Committee for IPC2025 (with Shireen Jejeebhoy presenting the UN Population Award to conference participants).



5 IUSSP Presidents at IPC2025. From left to right: Laura Wong, Tom LeGrand, Shireen Jejeebhoy, Peter McDonald and Stacey Gage.



Brisbane River and Ferris wheel in front of the IPC2025 conference venue.

Looking forward to the next IPC in Barcelona, Spain

Tentative dates: 23-27 July 2029

The IUSSP Council is pleased to announce that the **XXXI International Population Conference will be held in the beautiful city of Barcelona in 2029**. This decision was announced by Albert Esteve (Center for Demographic Studies, Barcelona) during the closing ceremony of the XXX International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia 13-18 July 2025.

- [Watch video of the announcement by Albert Esteve at the closing ceremony of IPC2025.](#)

The **bid for IPC2029** submitted by the Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) and DEMOSOC (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) on behalf of the Spanish National Organizing Committee (NOC) describes all the features that explain why the IUSSP Council is so thrilled with this proposal. Though some of the details remain tentative, its most distinctive feature is that the venue for the conference will be a public university: the **Ciutadella Campus of Universitat Pompeu Fabra**, located very near to the seaside promenade and the city's Gothic Quarter. Hosting the conference at a university will ensure the event's economic viability while strengthening its connection to the broader academic community.

The National Organizing Committee is planning to hold the Opening Ceremony for the conference in a historic and iconic building located in Barcelona downtown such as the Palau de la Música Catalana or the Gran Teatre del Liceu. The tentative dates set for IPC2029 are 23-27 July 2029.



IPC2025 activities by the IUSSP Panel on Population Registers, Human Rights and Ethics

Brisbane, Australia, 14-18 July 2025

The **IUSSP Scientific Panel on Population Registers, Human Rights and Ethics** organized two sessions at the 30th International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia 13-18 July 2025: a **Research Leader Session on the Future of Population Registers Systems** on 14 July and a **regular session on Population Registers, Human Rights and Ethics** on 15 July. The Panel also held an internal workshop with the **fellows**.

Nearly all the ‘team’ members travelled to Brisbane to take part in the IUSSP Panel’s sessions more generally the IPC2025 conference: Romesh Silva (UNFPA), the chair of the IUSSP Panel, Sofia Gruskin and Laura Ferguson (Institute on Inequalities in Global Health, University of Southern California) and Keith Breckenridge and Jonathan Klaaren, WISER, University of the Witwatersrand. They were joined the IUSSP fellows Georges Macaire Eyenga (WISER) and Elizabeth Nansubuga (Makerere University), who presented papers in one of the sessions, and – remotely – by Janaina Costa.

IPC2025, Session 43 - Research Leader Session on the Future of Population Registers Systems

This session, chaired by Laura Ferguson, included **4 presentations** (including one virtual).

Although key components of digital public infrastructure, many ethical and human rights questions arise in the context of population data systems, including legal identity systems and population register-based systems. Drawing on perspectives from law, public policy, history, demography, and public health, this research leader session aimed to (i) review how demographers, population scientists and others have been assessing the coverage, quality and inclusiveness of such legal identity and population register-based systems, (ii) use country case studies to identify and consider strategic and technical questions that are emerging in the modernization of these systems and discuss (iii) the broader implications for who is counted and who is not, as well as trust in population data systems and questions of access, equity and inclusion in health systems, public benefit systems and banking/finance systems in a world of increasing demographic diversity and fast changing population dynamics.

Romesh Silva laid out the complexity of these systems, the challenges of ensuring inclusivity across population groups and the ranges of different ways in which population registers are used. Highlighting technological advances being deployed for population register systems, he noted the need to improve the concepts and methods around their inclusivity. Other panelists provided examples of how these issues are playing out in different country settings. Diego Iturralde provided an overview of the current context in South Africa, introducing the important notions of quality assurance and public trust, and highlighting how engaging with people who have faced challenges using population register systems can help improve them. Providing historical context for the South African context, Jonathan Klaaren spoke about how the census, population register and identity management system have evolved, shaped for decades by racial discrimination and more recently by investments in digital public infrastructure. Winida Albertha shifted the discussion to Indonesia and described the ambitious government initiative, ‘One Data Indonesia’, which provides the framework for national data integration across multiple sources. She underscored the importance of data quality, data security and human resource capacity to ensure an effective approach to national data initiatives.



IPC2025 session 43: (from left to right): Sofia Gruskin, Winida Albertha, Jonathan Klaaren, Romesh Silva and Laura Ferguson (chairing the session)

The discussion that followed the panel was wide-ranging. Sofia Gruskin highlighted several key issues for consideration arising from the presentations including the importance of understanding the original purpose for which a system is developed, who within the national government is responsible for it, how system effectiveness is being assessed and who is accountable to whom for all this work. Additional discussion topics based on questions from the audience included the advantages and disadvantages of using a census as the baseline for population registers, the importance of understanding why some people choose not to be counted and how to prioritize among the plethora of issues requiring attention.

This session raised key questions about how to ensure that population register systems can be inclusive, trusted and appropriately used. Important decisions are being made across countries as to how modernization of population register systems, with important implications for inclusivity and data quality, and additional work is needed to ensure appropriate attention to human rights and ethics in this decision-making.

IPC2025 Session 75 - Population Registers, Human Rights and Ethics

This session, organized by the IUSSP Panel, was chaired by Sofia Gruskin, and included [4 papers](#) on 4 different countries: South Africa, Cameroon, Indonesia and Uganda.

Grounded in the Sustainable Development Goals, and other international frameworks and targets, this session focused on legal identity systems, and population registers, and how these can offer the opportunity to advance inclusive societies. The presentations illustrated how, in the past few decades, countries around the world have worked to modernize their population register systems as part of broader efforts to advance inclusive legal identity systems. These systems are core parts of digital public infrastructure through which health, social and economic service delivery can be facilitated. But, as apparent from all presentations, there are persisting gaps – who gets counted, how, when, and for what purpose. Each speaker highlighted how attention to human rights norms and ethical standards are essential to any discussion of registry systems. The presentations clarified that it is in fact insufficient to think about registry systems on their own, in

that explicit attention must be given to the broader legal, economic, social, cultural and political environment that enables access – or not – to these modern systems. Panelists discussed issues of inequality and exclusion, as well as the ability, and potential, of registration systems to uplift individuals, families, and communities.



IPC2025 session 75: (from left to right): paper presenters Lilipramawanty Liwin, Elizabeth Nansubuga, Jonathan Klaaren and Georges Macaire Eyenga.

After the presentations, a lively discussion with the audience led by Romesh Silva followed with a focus on how, once systems are in place, initiatives are needed to address the systemic and intuitional gaps that come to light– especially ones rooted in racism, sexism, forced migration, and resistance to diverse family structures. It was agreed therefore that attention is needed not only to the potential for bias in the creation of a system, but also the human rights and ethical issues that may surface at every step along the way – from the creation of the system all the way through to the use of the data collected.

With respect to future directions and next steps, participants all agreed on the need to ensure explicit attention in any such conversations going forward to addressing the key ethical and human rights issues needed to create and deliver inclusive population registries that “leave no one behind,” and that this requires commitment to ensuring they are developed and implemented in ways that promote inclusion, fairness, and respect for all individuals. Issues of discrimination, consent, accessibility and acceptability of the system in place including data privacy and security issues, all require sustained attention not only for researchers, but for anyone engaged with population registries in any way, shape or form. For these needed changes to happen will require sustained attention, political will and sufficient funding for the requisite questions to be asked, analyses to be conducted, and changes to be made.

Fellows' workshop and mentoring

The Panel convened throughout the meeting on the sidelines of the IPC in Brisbane to mentor and support the Fellows, take stock, finalize a workplan and make concrete headway on some agreed-upon deliverables. The Panel also used this time to review the proposed new directions of the work of the three fellows and to mentor them on next steps: George Macaire Eyenga on Population Registers, AI, and Ethics in Cameroon; Elizabeth Nansubuga on the Exclusion of “Fatherless” Persons from Birth Registration & National Identity Systems in Uganda; and Janaina Costa on the ongoing digitization of identity systems in a comparative study of Brazil and South Africa. The Panel also finalized plans for its work in the year to come, which includes a series of exciting activities, presentations and publications. The major focus areas for the ongoing technical work of the panel will focus on the ethics and human rights implications of digital

systems connected to the climate change crisis, public health and sexual and reproductive health issues.

The Panel members also seized the opportunity to attend sessions or set up meetings with other colleagues interested in or working on various aspects relevant to the project: Angus Amasone, from Tuvalu statistics; Jane Wakeford from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, for her work on linking data among databases and presenting it at a fairly granular level; and Winida Albertha (BPS - Statistics Indonesia) and Lilipramawanty Liwin (Deakin University), who presented in each of the Panel's two sessions and provided the Panel members with some more depth on the Indonesian situation.

This project is carried out with the aid of a grant from the International Development Research Centre, Ottawa, Canada.



Speakers in IPC2025 session 75: (from left to right): Keith Breckenridge, Romesh Silva, Lilipramawanty Liwin, Elizabeth Nansubuga, Jonathan Klaaren, Georges Macaire Eyenga and Sofia Gruskin.

Moving FP Measurement Forward with a Rights and Justice Lens

An interactive session at IPC2025 in Brisbane, Australia, 14 July 2025

On July 14, 2025, the **IUSSP Panel on Rethinking Family Planning Measurement with a Reproductive Justice and Rights Lens** convened an interactive, 1.5 hour research leaders session at the International Population Conference in Brisbane Australia. Panel members Elizabeth Sully, Ilene Speizer, Niranjana Saggurti, Georgina Binstock, Irene Casique, and Madeleine Short Fabic led participants through a two-part exercise building on the consultative process the Panel initiated in late-2024. Panel members Fredrick Makumbi and Abdul-Moumouni Nouhou supported session planning but were unable to attend the conference.

The session was attended by about 60 participants from across the globe. The session provided a description of the Panel activities to date followed by a brief presentation on the rationale for improved measurement of family planning key indicators of demand and use. As part of the session, organizers asked participants to “vote with their feet” by asking them to participate in small group discussions based on their top priorities for family planning measurement. The discussion was interactive and engaging and provided supportive information to what was found in an online survey undertaken in late 2024. The findings from the survey and in-depth discussions during the conference session will inform a paper under development on stakeholders’ perspectives on new directions for family planning measurement. These consultative processes have been set up to support the panel as it works towards its next activity of development of recommendations for new family planning measures.

The Panel also shared at the conference that they have produced a special issue in *Studies in Family Planning* that updates the field on what we know to date around family planning measurement with a rights and justice lens. While most of the papers have already been released (*see [here](#) for online viewing only*), the official publication is not yet online. **The special issue will be available in open access** and advertised in the next IUSSP Bulletin. The **Panel-written introduction** offers a nice summary of the 17 papers that are included in the special issue.



IUSSP Panel members at the 2025 International Population Conference.

IPC2025 activities by the IUSSP Panel on Lifetime Migration

Brisbane, Australia, 13 and 16 July 2025

The **IUSSP Scientific Panel on Lifetime Migration** organized a session and a preconference workshop at the 30th International Population Conference (IPC2025) in Brisbane, Australia.

IPC 2025 Session 96 - Internal Migration as a Life-Course Trajectory

The session, held on 16 July 2025 and chaired by Sergi Vidal (CED-CERCA / UAB), highlighted how family background, social stratification, and networks shape mobility over time, underscoring the Panel's mission to move beyond a simple mover/stayer dichotomy. The session featured 3 presentations:

- Andrea Colasurdo, Clara H. Mulder, and Diego Alburez-Gutierrez on how family background and household composition influence internal migration in the Netherlands.
- Nazareno Panichella and Roberto Impicciatore on geographical mobility trajectories (including onward and return mobility) and class attainment in Europe.
- Jing Wu, Aude Bernard, and Elisabeth Gruber on lifetime internal migration trajectories and social networks, asking whether repeat migrants fare worse.

The Panel thanks all presenters and attendees for advancing life-course perspectives on internal migration. To access the extended abstracts or the full papers, click on the paper titles on the [IPC2025 Programme website](#).

IPC 2025 workshop: Mining Migration Trajectories with R

This hands-on pre-conference workshop, held on 13 July at the University of Queensland, was led by Sergi Vidal (CED-CERCA/UAB) with the assistance of Juste Lekstyte (CED-CERCA/UAB). Twenty-five participants from diverse world regions took part. Over three hours, attendees worked through a life-course approach to migration and practiced core sequence-analysis skills in R: structuring and handling sequence data, visualising and summarising migration trajectories, and identifying typical patterns via optimal matching and cluster analysis. The workshop combined concise conceptual framing with real-world applications using open-access examples, and participants received take-home materials and reusable code to adapt in their own research.

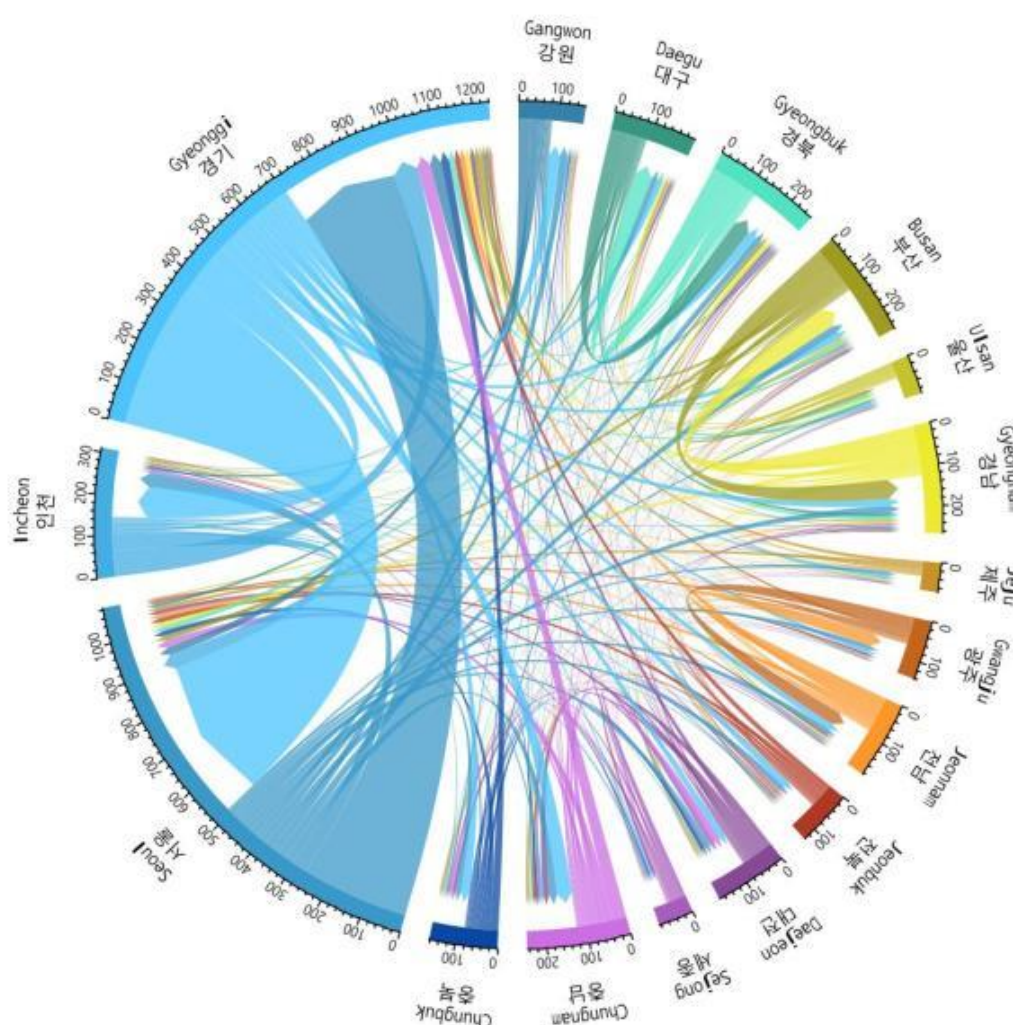


Tools for Handling, Measuring and Visualising Migration Data in R

Brisbane, Australia, 12 July 2025

The **IUSSP Scientific Panel on Priorities in International Migration Research** organized a **Pre-conference workshop on Tools for Handling, Measuring and Visualising Migration Data in R** at the 30th International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia 13-18 July 2025. This hands-on workshop, held on 12 July at the University of Queensland, was led by Guy Abel (University of Hong Kong).

Fifteen participants from a diverse set of regions took part. The session focused on practical approaches to working with migration data in R, with participants using key functions from the *tidyverse*, *migest*, and *rchayes* packages to explore various methods for structuring, estimating, and visualising migration flows. Lectures introduced core concepts and motivated the use of different approaches, which were complemented by R-based exercises that provided participants with hands-on experience in applying the packages to datasets drawn from real-world migration data.



Chord diagram of internal migration flows in South Korea, created by students in the workshop.

Gender, Reproduction and Family Dynamics in the Post-Pandemic Era

Brisbane, Australia, 13 July 2025

The **IUSSP Scientific Panel on COVID-19, Fertility, and the Family** organized a **Pre-conference workshop on Gender, Reproduction and Family Dynamics in the Post-Pandemic Era** at the 30th International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia 13-18 July 2025. The workshop, held on 13 July at the University of Queensland, was organized and led by Natalie Nitsche (Australian National University), Anna Kurowska (University of Warsaw) and Celia Karp (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health).

About 25 participants attended the workshop, which included 5 interesting presentations on themes related to reproduction, family, and gender in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The research spanned four continents, covering a variety of regions worldwide. The discussions were very engaged and insightful, turning the workshop into an inspiring forum for continued debates on COVID-19's impacts on family and fertility. As aimed for, presentations and discussion unified perspectives from both the Global North and South, which was particularly stimulating.

The organizers would like to extend their gratitude to all who helped make this workshop a success, including the presenters Setsuya Fukada, Bhavya Joshi, Pariyakorn Pariyakorn, Ahbab Mohammad Fazle Rabbi, and Mary Shenk, and Ph.D. students Feier Chen and Xiaoxian Qiu from the School of Demography at the Australian National University. The workshop would not have been possible without their help.

The IUSSP Panel is currently working on securing a special issue on the workshop themes, so stay tuned for more information!



Elections for the 2026-2029 Council and the 2029 Committee on Nominations

Elections for IUSSP Officers and Council members for 2026-2029 as well as members of the 2029 Committee on Nominations will take place **from 15 September to 27 October 2025**. The ballot will also include a vote to elect the outgoing IUSSP President, Shireen Jejeebhoy, as Honorary President.

IUSSP election procedures

The **electoral list** comprises all the members who were up to date on 15 August 2025 (including members in grace).

- Elections will be held via the Internet, using a secure external online voting company (AssociationVoting). Eligible members will receive an email to access the ballot and vote.
- The electoral procedure will be controlled by an **Election Committee** composed of three IUSSP members: Ankit Sikarwar (India), Jenny Garcia (France / Bolivia) and Adrien Remund (Switzerland).
- The rules governing IUSSP elections can be found in the **IUSSP Constitution** (article 10 and by-law 2).

Members on the electoral list who have not received their ballot email sent from iussp2025elections@iussp.org on 15 September should 1/ check in their spam folder and 2/ should contact the IUSSP at iussp2025elections@iussp.org to signal that they have not received their ballot.

Election of the 2026-2029 Council

The Committee on Nominations nominated 2 candidates for each position on Council, including the two officer positions: the Vice President and the Secretary General and Treasurer. In the IUSSP Constitution, the Vice President succeeds to the President, who is therefore not elected directly (*read the [Committee on Nominations' report](#)*).

Members were invited to nominate additional candidates for Council and one member was proposed by the members.

Candidates proposed by the Committee on Nominations for the 2026-2029 Council:

Vice President (<i>President Elect 2030-33</i>) (1 seat, two nominees)	Reiko Hayashi [<i>Japan</i>] National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (Japan)	Emilio Zagheni [<i>Italy</i>] Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research - MPIDR (Germany)
Secretary General and Treasurer (1 seat, two nominees)	Anne Goujon [<i>France</i>] Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital (Austria)	Tom Moultrie [<i>South Africa</i>] CARE, University of Cape Town (South Africa)
Council member for Africa (1 seat, two nominees)	Ayaga Bawah [<i>Ghana</i>] Regional Institute for Population Studies (RIPS), University of Ghana	Estelle Monique Sidze [<i>Cameroon</i>] African Population and Health Research Center - APHRC (Kenya)
Council member for Asia and Oceania (1 seat, two nominees)	Grace Cruz [<i>Philippines</i>] University of the Philippines Population Institute	Leiwen Jiang [<i>China</i>] ADRI, Shanghai University (China)
Council member for Europe (1 seat, two nominees)	Albert Esteve [<i>Spain</i>] Center for Demographic Studies (Spain)	Magali Barbieri [<i>France</i>] Institut National d'Études Démographiques - INED (France)
Council member for Latin-America (1 seat, two nominees)	Georgina Binstock [<i>Argentina</i>] Centro de Estudios de Población - CENEP (Argentina)	Ignacio Pardo [<i>Uruguay</i>] Universidad de La República (Uruguay)
Council member for North America (1 seat, two nominees)	Sara Curran [<i>United States</i>] University of Washington (United States)	Robert Hummer [<i>United States</i>] University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (United States)
Council Member at large (4 seats, 8 nominees)		
Visseho Adjiwanou [<i>Togo; Canada</i>] Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada)		Aude Bernard [<i>Australia; France</i>] University of Queensland (Australia)
Audrey Dorélien [<i>United States</i>] University of Washington (United States)		Stuart Gietel-Basten [<i>United Kingdom</i>] The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Mahesh Karra [<i>United States</i>] Boston University (United States)		Ann Moore [<i>United States</i>] Guttmacher Institute (United States)
KG Santhya [<i>India</i>] Independent Researcher (India)		Romesh Silva [<i>Australia; United Kingdom</i>] United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Additional candidate proposed by the membership:

- **Nico van Nimwegen** [*Netherlands*], Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute - NIDI (Netherlands) presented as candidate for Council member at large.

Election of the 2029 Committee on Nominations

The role of the 2029 Committee on Nominations is to propose candidates for the 2030-2033 Council. Since the new Constitution approved in 2017, the Committee on Nominations is now elected by IUSSP members (except for its chair, who is the outgoing President). A list of candidates has been selected by the Council for the members to choose from. Members will select one candidate per region. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes in each region shall be declared elected.

Candidates for the 2029 Committee on Nominations:

AFRICA

- [Sunday Adedini](#) [Nigeria]
- [Donatien Beguy](#) [Chad]

ASIA & OCEANIA

- [Aris Ananta](#) [Indonesia]
- [Sureeporn Punpuing](#) [Thailand]

EUROPE

- [Aline Désesquelles](#) [France]
- [Jane Falkingham](#) [United Kingdom]

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

- [Suzana Cavenaghi](#) [Brazil]
- [Enrique Peláez](#) [Argentina]

NORTHERN AMERICA

- [David Lam](#) [United States]
- [Sara Yeatman](#) [United States]

– Click on the candidates' names to access their member profile.

2025 General Assembly

- **Location:** Online
- **Date:** Thursday 13 November from 13:00 to 14:30 UTC (8:00-9:30 New York / 14:00-15:30 Paris / 18:30-20:00 New Delhi / 21:00-22:30 Shanghai).
- **Register and save the date**

The General Assembly of IUSSP members used to be organized in person at the International Population Conference. However, in 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was held online and separate from the IPC... and it actually attracted more members than at the conference. So the IUSSP Council decided to hold the General Assembly virtually from now on. This year, the General Assembly will be organized after the Council elections so it can serve to provide guidance to the newly elected Council on the priorities of the IUSSP membership.

The first part of the meeting will be devoted to a brief presentation of activities and finances over the past 4 years followed by an open discussion with the members. There will also be the opportunity to get to know the newly elected Council that will take office on 1 January 2026! The second half of the meeting will feature breakout rooms where members can exchange with the members of IUSSP Scientific Panels and representatives for other IUSSP activities. The final agenda of the General Assembly will be shared one month before the meeting. (Student associates are welcome to join the General Assembly but should not take part in the votes.)

Background documents: (1 month before the GA)

- Report for 2022-2025 by IUSSP Secretary General and Treasurer Nico van Nimwegen
- Report of the independent Auditor to the General Assembly
- **List of scientific and training events (& links to articles)**
- **IUSSP Bulletins (2022-2025)**
- **Current IUSSP Scientific Panels**
- **Past IUSSP Scientific Panels**

ANNUAL REPORTS: 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Reports by IUSSP Scientific Panels to the General Assembly

- ***Abortion Research*** (2019-2025)
- ***Contraceptive Transition Theories: Models for contemporary patterns of use*** (2019-2023)
- ***COVID-19, Fertility, and the Family*** (2023-2026)
- ***Declining Mortality and Multi-morbidity at Death*** (2023-2026)
- ***Digital and Computational Demography*** (2022-2026)
- ***Early Career Perspectives*** (2022-2025)
- ***Epidemics and Contagious Diseases: The Legacy of the Past*** (2023 - 2025)
- ***Family Planning, Fertility and Urban Development*** (2018-2023)
- ***IUSSP Standing Committee on Demographic Terminology***
- ***Kinship Structures, Dynamics and Inequalities*** (2025-2029)
- ***Lifetime Migration*** (2023-2025)
- ***Population Dynamics under Global Conflict and Climate Change*** (2023-2025)
- ***Population Environment Research Network (PERN)***
- ***Population Registers, Ethics and Human Rights*** (2023-2026)
- ***Population, Inequality, and Climate Change*** (2022-2025)
- ***Priorities in International Migration Research*** (2024-2025)
- ***Rethinking Family Planning Measurement with a Reproductive Justice and Rights Lens*** (2022-2025)

France Meslé - 2025 Laureate

The Council elected France Meslé as the 2025 IUSSP Laureate in recognition of her exceptional contribution to the field of population and service to the IUSSP. The Laureate Award ceremony will be held in **hybrid format**, on **Tuesday 7 October 2025** at INED ([Campus Condorcet, Paris/Aubervilliers](#)) and online (zoom) from 14:30 to 15:45 Universal Time (*16:30 to 17:45 Paris time*).

- [For online participation register in advance!](#)

For details on France Meslé's accomplishments and contributions to the population field please read the [letter of nomination](#).



Call for the 2026 IUSSP Laureate Award:

- **Nominate a deserving colleague for the 2026 IUSSP Laureate Award.** Deadline for nominations: 1 December 2025.

For more information : <https://iussp.org/en/iussp-laureate-award>

IUSSP–Mattei Dogan Award presentation by KG Santhya at IPC2025

Brisbane, Australia, 18 July 2025

KG Santhya, the 2025 recipient of the IUSSP–Mattei Dogan Foundation Award for Comparative Research in Demography, gave an address on “Growing up in the SDG Era: Diverse Realities of Young People in Low- and Middle-Income Countries” during the closing ceremony of the 30th International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia.

- [Presentation \(Slides\)](#).
- [Presentation \(Notes\)](#).
- [Read the award nomination letter for KG Santhya](#).



IUSSP–Mattei Dogan Foundation Award for Comparative Research in Demography

The Award honours a scientist of high international renown for the contribution of his or her work to the development of studies of population that draw on different disciplines' perspectives and the importance that this work has accorded to international comparisons. It is granted every four years at the IUSSP International Population Conference, where the IUSSP Council invites the Awardee to lecture on a subject of his or her choice. For more information on the IUSSP–Mattei Dogan Foundation Award for Comparative Research in Demography and on past awardees ([read more](#)).

Special session at IPC2025 featuring 2023 and 2025 Early Career Awardees

Brisbane, Australia, 17 July 2025

The 2023 and 2025 IUSSP Early Career Awardees present at the 30th International Population Conference in Brisbane, Australia took part in a special session entitled **Kickstart Your Career in Demography: Insights from Award-Winning Early Career Researchers** on Thursday, July 17 at 17:15.



Julia Bunting (United Nations Population Fund - UNFPA) introduced the session in which 5 of the awardees - Monica Alexander, Aude Bernard, Raquel Coutinho, Chaimae Drioui, and Igor Cavallini Johansen - reflected on their career journeys. The session presented a unique opportunity for early career researchers from all regions of the world in attendance at IPC2025 to learn directly from these emerging leaders in the field of demography how they navigated the challenges of the early career stage, from securing funding and tenure-track positions to building international collaborations and developing successful publication strategies.

To learn more on the 2023 and 2025 Early Career Awardees, watch the videos of the 2023 and 2025 Early Career Awards webinars:

- **2023 IUSSP Early Career Awards Webinars**, featuring Aude Bernard, Chaimae Drioui, Raquel Coutinho, Amanda Stevenson and Heini Väisänen.
- **2025 IUSSP Early Career Awards Webinar**, featuring Diego Alburez-Gutierrez, Monica Alexander, Nurudeen Alhassan, Igor Cavallini Johansen and Luca Maria Pesando.



From left to right: Monica Alexander, Chaimae Drioui, Igor Cavallini Johansen, Aude Bernard and Raquel Coutinho.

New Ways of Transcribing, Visualizing, Publishing, and Providing Access to Data on Epidemics and Contagious Diseases

Online, 18 June 2025

This interdisciplinary workshop on “**New Ways of Transcribing, Visualizing, Publishing, and Providing Access to Data on Epidemics and Contagious Diseases**” was held online on 18 June 2025, hosted by the Institute of Evolutionary Medicine, University of Zurich and Prof. Dr. Kaspar Staub on behalf of the **IUSSP Scientific Panel on 'Epidemics and Contagious Diseases: The Legacy of the Past'**.

The workshop brought together a global cohort of 48 researchers, data scientists, historians, and public health professionals to explore cutting-edge methods in digitizing, visualizing, and sharing historical data on epidemics. The event aimed to foster collaboration and share innovations in how we manage, interpret, and make accessible both structured and unstructured data from handwritten and printed historical sources.

- [Watch the full video of the workshop.](#)

Session Highlights:

Opening Remarks

Kaspar Staub welcomed participants, emphasizing the workshop’s mission to promote methodological exchange and community building among researchers working with historical and modern epidemic data.

Session I: Innovations in Transcription and Visualization

- Vijay Kumar (India) opened with an overview of digital innovations that enable more accurate geospatial transcription and visualization of epidemic data. He highlighted the value of open data platforms and AI tools for public health planning and research, particularly in the context of Indian administrative records.
- Moana Rarere (New Zealand) presented a new demographic framework for 19th-century Māori populations. Her work challenges colonial-era assumptions and integrates oral histories with written records to reshape historical demographic understandings.
- Gaurav Raj (India) demonstrated how Python-based approaches can unlock patterns from historical epidemic records, including automating data extraction from scanned sources and integrating diverse datasets for analytical modeling.

Session II: Standardization, Surveillance, and Public Health Integration

- Gabi Wuethrich (Switzerland) discussed the application of the Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) Guidelines to digitized historical statistics. Her talk focused on the challenges of rendering tabular data into FAIR-compliant formats, especially from handwritten or scanned sources.
- Grace Kim (USA) shared insights from projects linking climate and health data to improve early warning systems. Drawing from malaria and climate surveillance initiatives,

she emphasized the role of interdisciplinary integration for real-time public health response.

- Pamela R. Chacon Uscamaita (USA) introduced a malaria surveillance platform in the Amazon Basin. Her team's work combines predictive modeling, remote sensing, and interactive dashboards to track disease spread and inform interventions.

Session III: Transcription at Scale and the Role of Automation

- Tobias Hodel & Jan Blarer (Switzerland) detailed best practices for large-scale processing of handwritten death registers. Their talk emphasized human-in-the-loop workflows, which combine machine learning with archival expertise for quality control.
- Mads Perner (Denmark) explored the epidemiological transition of Copenhagen via spatial analysis of causes of death and disease notifications from the 19th to early 20th century, highlighting the value of integrated mapping and registry systems.
- Joana Maria Pujadas Mora & Adrià Molina (Spain) presented automated transcription tools for processing demographic records. They emphasized accessibility and reproducibility, showing how machine learning can democratize the processing of historical population data.
- Christian Møller Dahl (Denmark) & Rick Mourits (Netherlands) concluded the session with a summary of a recent workshop on automatic transcription. They critically examined the strengths and limitations of automation when handling vast individual-level mortality data, calling for improved evaluation metrics and collaborative benchmarking.

Closing Remarks

Prof. Staub wrapped up the workshop by encouraging participants to pursue ongoing collaboration, and announced plans for further community engagement through follow-up meetings and joint projects.

This workshop underscored the dynamic evolution of how we work with epidemic data—from manual transcription to automated pipelines, and from isolated archives to open, interoperable data ecosystems. The contributions highlighted both the promise and the complexity of bringing historical health data into the digital age.

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How Did We Lift the Burden? Infectious Disease Mortality in the Western and Non-Western World (1800–Now)

Nijmegen, Netherlands, 28–29 August 2025

On 28–29 August 2025, Radboud University hosted the international workshop **How Did We Lift the Burden? Infectious Disease Mortality in the Western and Non-Western World (1800–Now)**. Organised by Tim Riswick in collaboration with the COST Action network GREATLEAP, the HiDo network, and the **IUSSP Scientific Panel on 'Epidemics and Contagious Diseases: The Legacy of the Past'**, the event marked the closing conference of the NWO-funded research project Lifting the burden of disease and the academic farewell of Professor Angélique Janssens, who led this work.

The workshop gathered historians, demographers, and public health researchers to explore the complex dynamics of mortality decline from the nineteenth century to the present. As the background note to the meeting reminded participants, steep gains in life expectancy in the Western world began before the arrival of modern curative medicine after the 1940s.

Understanding what drove these early transformations, and why they occurred unevenly across time and space, remains a key challenge for historical epidemiology.

Day 1 – New perspectives and global case studies

Following words of welcome from Angélique Janssens, the opening session, *New Perspectives on Studying the Histories of Health*, offered diverse methodological and geographical angles.

Presentations examined spatial patterns of historical death causes in Finland, sex differences in twentieth-century Greek mortality, early nineteenth-century international health cooperation in Egypt, and the infectious disease impacts of flood disasters in nineteenth-century Poznań.

The afternoon brought the session *Epidemics and Pandemics around the World*, which broadened the scope beyond Europe. Contributions revisited the Pacific's experience of the 1918–21 influenza pandemic, reconstructed the health impact of Geneva's severe 1837 influenza epidemic, assessed risk factors in Spain's 1885 cholera outbreak, and compared Nordic patterns of measles and pertussis spread.

A highlight of the first day was the keynote lecture by Sheilagh Ogilvie (University of Oxford), *Controlling Contagion: Epidemics and Institutions from Plague to Covid*. Drawing on centuries of epidemic history, Ogilvie analysed how markets, states, religious bodies, and communities have mediated both the positive and negative externalities of contagion control. She argued that effective epidemic responses historically depended on coordination across multiple institutions, each counterbalancing the weaknesses of the others.

The day concluded with informal discussions over drinks at the CultuurCafé and a workshop dinner at Restaurant Valdin.

Day 2 – Amsterdam research findings and comparative transitions

The second day began with *Results from the Amsterdam Cause of Death Database*, presenting new analyses from the host project. Papers examined infant and child mortality decline during the city's epidemiological transition (1856–1926), adult mortality trends, the shifting epidemiology of measles and pertussis, and the cholera outbreaks of 1855 and 1866.

The final academic session, *Epidemiological Transitions over Time and Place*, placed Amsterdam's experience in comparative perspective. Topics ranged from Suriname's colonial epidemiological transition to urban health penalties in Belgian cities over more than a century, to infectious disease mortality shifts in early twentieth-century Madrid, and new data on infant and child mortality in Portugal (1902–1925).

Farewell to Angélique Janssens

The workshop concluded with a farewell ceremony for Professor Janssens in the Chapel of the Berchmanianum, celebrating her career and contributions to historical demography. A closing reception offered a final opportunity for exchange and reflection among participants.

Concluding reflections

Across its two days, the workshop illustrated the richness of current research into the history of infectious disease mortality. While the case studies varied in location, period, and disease focus, common themes emerged: the multi-causality of mortality decline, the need for fine-grained spatial and temporal analysis, and the interplay of public health interventions, social change, and environmental conditions. The discussions underscored that lifting the burden of disease has always been a collaborative process - both historically and in contemporary scholarship.

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Malcolm Potts (1935–2025)

Malcolm Potts, a trailblazer in international family planning and women's reproductive health, died in Berkeley, CA, on April 25, 2025. He was 90. He had been a member of the IUSSP since 1969.

A University of Cambridge-trained obstetrician and reproductive scientist, Malcolm Potts emerged in the 1960s as a leader in what was then a revolutionary movement for access to reliable contraception and safe abortion. In 1968, he became the first medical director of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Malcolm Potts moved to the United States in 1978, where he served as president and chief executive of Family Health International (FHI) from 1978 to 1990. During this period, FHI became the largest global AIDS prevention programme outside of the World Health Organization. There, he led pioneering maternal mortality studies which helped start the worldwide Safe Mother Initiative. He also built the largest AIDS prevention program outside of the World Health Organization and initiated the first HIV prevention programs in Africa, with sex workers. Family Health International became the first American institution to receive large scale federal support for the control of AIDS.

He joined the faculty of UC Berkeley School of Public Health in 1992 as the inaugural Fred H. Bixby Endowed Chair in Population and Family Planning and quickly became a popular professor. In 2009, Potts established UC Berkeley Public Health's Bixby Center for Population, Health and Sustainability, an enduring institution that embodies his passion for research and for training the next generation of scholars.

Michael Potts published ten books and over 350 scientific papers and articles. His books include *Abortion* (co-written with Peter Diggory and John Peel, 1977), *Textbook of Contraceptive Practice* (1st edition co-written with John Peel, 1969; 2nd edition co-written with Peter Diggory, 1983; long the key textbook in the field), *Queen Victoria's Gene* (written with his brother Prof. William Potts), *Ever since Adam and Eve: The Evolution of Human Sexuality* (written with Dr Roger Short, 1999) and *Sex and War: How Biology Explains Warfare and Terrorism and Offers a Path to a Safer World* (co-written with Thomas Hayden, 2008). He worked as a consultant to the World Bank and the British, American, Canadian and Egyptian governments.

Read the UC Berkeley Public Health obituary:

<https://publichealth.berkeley.edu/articles/news/in-memoriam/dr-malcolm-potts-dies-at-90>



New members

7 new members joined the IUSSP between 1 June and 31 August 2025.

Australia: Tetteh Dugbaza. **Germany:** Alena Thiel. **India:** Abhinav Kumar Mishra. **Indonesia:** Riyana Miranti. **Kenya:** John Anampiu. **New Zealand:** Tracey Savage. **Zimbabwe:** Takudzwa Mutize.

New Student Members

8 new student members joined the IUSSP between 1 June and 31 August 2025.

Australia: Gayatri Ramnath. **China:** Yao Lu. **India:** Sumedha; Padmapriya Muralidharan. **Nigeria:** Victor Emmanuel; Mustapha Shuaib. **United States:** Fatima Frausto. **Viet Nam:** Ha Linh Bui.