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IUSSP Elections & General Assembly

2025 election results

Congratulations to the new IUSSP Council (2026-2029) and the 2029 Committee on Nominations. Starting 1 January 2026, the new Council will include Laura Rodriguez Wong (President), Reiko Hayashi (Vice President), Anne Goujon (Secretary General & Treasurer) and Council members Visseho Adjivanou, Ayaga Bawah, Aude Bernard, Georgina Binstock, Grace Cruz, Sara Curran, Albert Esteve, Ann Moore and Nico van Nimwegen.

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IUSSP General Assembly on 13 November

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IUSSP Awards

2025 Laureate ceremony for France Meslé

The Laureate Award ceremony in honour of France Meslé was held on 7 October in hybrid format, at the French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) and online. The ceremony included speeches by Magali Barbieri, Vladimir Shkolnikov, Giancarlo Camarda, Jenny Garcia, Géraldine Duthé, Maria Eugenia Cosio Zavala and Pavel Grigoriev. **Watch the video of the ceremony.**

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IUSSP activities

UNFPA-India congratulates IUSSP at IASP annual conference

At the 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), held 27–29 November 2025 in Kolkata, India UNFPA-India formally felicitated the IUSSP for receiving the 2025 United Nations Population Award (Institutional Category). A panel session brought together a group of IUSSP members from India to reflect on IUSSP's unique role in supporting population science.

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IUSSP at ICFP 2025 in Bogotá

The IUSSP was present at the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP) that took place in Bogotá, Colombia, 3-6 November 2025, providing an opportunity for IUSSP members to engage with the global Family Planning community. The IUSSP Panel on Rethinking Family Planning Measurement with a Reproductive Justice and Rights Lens organized a session on "New Tools and Approaches for Measuring Family Planning and Reproductive Health".

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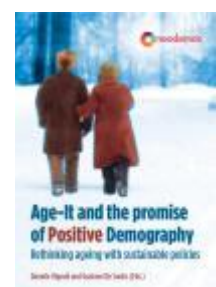


IUSSP Publications

N-IUSSP E-Book

Age-It and the promise of positive demography. Rethinking ageing with sustainable policies, N-IUSSP, 2025. Edited by Daniele Vignoli and Gustavo De Santis.

[\(Free access to articles\)](#)



Special issue in *Studies in Family Planning*

Special Issue on "Rethinking Family Planning Measurement with a Rights, Justice, and Person-Centered Lens", in *Studies in Family Planning*, Volume 56, Issue 3, 2025, pp. 355-360. Guest editors: Ilene S. Speizer, Elizabeth A. Sully, Georgina Binstock, Niranjana Saggurti.

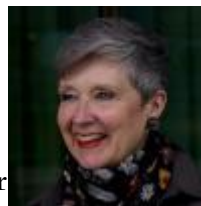
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Members News

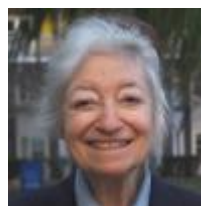
Ellen Kraly receives Excellence in International Migration Scholarship Award

Ellen Percy Kraly, Co-chair of the IUSSP Panel on Priorities in International Migration Research, was honored with the prestigious Center for Migration Studies (CMS) award for Excellence in International Migration Scholarship. The award was bestowed at CMS's annual gala in New York on 17 November. Earlier that day, Ellen Kraly delivered the keynote address, "Bearing Witness: International Migration Studies, Scholars and Students", at CMS's [2025 Academic & Policy Symposium](#). Watch a video of Ellen Kraly's [keynote address](#).
([Read more](#))



Guillermina Jasso recipient of the 2025 ISJR Lifetime Achievement Award

Congratulations to **Guillermina Jasso** for receiving the 2025 ISJR Lifetime Achievement Award given biennially by the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR) "to honor distinguished lifetime contributions to the scientific study of justice and for efforts to advance justice as a field of study." Jasso is the first sociologist to win the award. In July 2025 she delivered the Award Lecture at the ISJR biennial conference in Seattle, Washington. The title of the award lecture was "From Foundations of Justice Analysis to Current and Future Challenges."
[Read more on Guillermina Jasso and the ISJR award.](#)



Members' new publications

- *Death by Design: Producing Racial Health Inequality in the Shadow of the Capitol*, Sanyu A. Mojola
- *Demography: Evolution and Implications for Development*, edited by Ayaga A. Bawah, Stephen O. Kwankye and Pearl S. Kyei
- *Ultra: Dystopian Nightmares and Utopian Dreams of Artificial Intelligence*, by R.M. Gonzales Martinez.

([Read Summaries](#))

In memoriam

- **Farhat Yusuf** (1940–2025)

Farhat Yusuf, long-time IUSSP member, died in Sydney, Australia on 14 October, aged 85. Born in 1940 in Delhi, in what was then British India, Farhat Yusuf first moved to Pakistan and then to Australia. He worked for Macquarie University for over 40 years, playing a major role in the development of its ground-breaking undergraduate program in Demography. He chaired the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Business Demography (2007-2009).



New IUSSP members

Nine new Members and 6 new Student Associates joined the IUSSP between 1 September and 30 November 2025. Please encourage your colleagues and students to become members.
([See list](#))

Regional Population Associations

2026 PAA Annual Meeting in St-Louis, MO

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA) will take place in St. Louis, Missouri (United States) from 6 to 9 May. Also take note of the [2026 Virtual Applied Demography Conference](#) from 10 to 12 February.

Registration is now open for both events.

[\(read more\)](#)



Call for Advances in Population Research Sessions at EPC 2026 - Bologna

The **European Population Conference 2026** will convene in Bologna, Italy, 3-6 June. EPC 2026 offers various sponsorship opportunities in the scientific and social program, including a limited number of special sessions. These "[Advances in Population Research](#)" sessions allow research projects and programs as well as organizations to highlight and raise awareness of groundbreaking research and discuss novel findings in the regular conference program, and support EPC 2026 and EAPS. Proposals for these sessions should be submitted to EAPS (eaps@nidi.nl) by **1 January 2026**. [\(Read more\)](#)



2026 APA Conference in Hanoi

The Asian Population Association (APA) is pleased to announce that its **7th Asian Population Association Conference (7th APAC)** will be held in November 2026 in Hanoi, Viet Nam. The conference is being organized in collaboration with the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations (VUSTA) and the Vietnam Population Association (VNPA). Further details on the conference theme, program, key deadlines, and participation guidelines will be posted soon on the APA website. Interested scholars, practitioners, and students are encouraged to follow forthcoming announcements at www.asianpa.org.

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2026 ALAP congress in San Jose, Costa Rica

The XII Congress of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP) will take place in San José, Costa Rica, 24-28 August 2026 on the theme "*New Frontiers: Demography, Digital Revolution, Democratization of Information and Dialogue in the Americas*".

[\(Read more on the ALAP website\)](#)



Other Announcements

Notas de Población - A Latin American Journal on Population Studies, published by ECLAC

Notas de Población is a scientific journal published biannually by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), with articles either in Spanish or English. *Notas de Población* calls for manuscripts on **demography, population and development, and public policy** for its 2026 editions.

[\(Read more for information and editorial guidelines\)](#)



N-IUSSP

Recent articles

- Paris: from capital of early death during the Belle Époque (1871-1914) to a longevity champion today, Florian Bonnet, France Meslé, Catalina Torres and Lionel Kesztenbaum
- Strong impact of lifestyle factors on trends in socio-economic mortality inequalities, Fanny Janssen
- The health trajectories of refugees and how they differ from those of other migrants, Alessandro Ferrara
- First births in Britain: parental class and partnership context, Alessandro Di Nallo
- Formal childcare usage linked to higher second birth hazards in Belgium, Jonas Wood
- Beyond the “demographic winter”, Gustavo De Santis and Daniele Vignoli
- The kinship gap. When just a few years of difference make a difference, Sha Jiang
- The short-lived fertility upturn among Polish emigrants to the Netherlands, Agnieszka Fihel, Nasim Ahamed Mondal and Weronika Kloc-Nowak
- Immigrants’ cultural identity and employment chances in Italy, Alessio Buonomo, Stefania Capecchi, Francesca Di Iorio and Salvatore Strozza
- Socioeconomic inequalities and single women’s entry into parenthood in Belgium, Denise B. Musni and Christine Schnor
- Internal migration and childhood loneliness in Europe, Aude Bernard, Patricia McMullin and Sergi Vidal
- The role of mortality in fertility transition studies, Vegard Skirbekk and Thomas Spoorenberg
- Modest changes in spousal age differences over time in sub-Saharan Africa, Pearl Kyei, Samuel Agyei-Mensah, John Casterline and Ayaga Bawah
- Pace of Aging of older adults in the US and UK, Arun Balachandran and Daniel W Belsky
- Changing unions in the MENA region, Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi and Meimanat Hossein-Chavoshi
- A century of mortality crises in France and its regions, Florian Bonnet and Carlo-Giovanni Camarda



[\(Read articles\)](#)

Calls

Calls for papers

- SASE 2026 Mini-Conference MC03 - Social and Political Dynamics of Insecurity, Bordeaux, France, 1–3 July 2026 & Virtual session 22–24 June 2026. Deadline for submissions: 16 December 2025
- ERC Workshop "A Unified Perspective on Formation and Dissolution Processes in Demography", Odense, Denmark, 9-11 March 2026. Deadline for abstract submissions: 19 December 2025
- 16th Supercentenarian Seminar, Paris/Aubervilliers, France, 9-10 April 2026. Deadline for abstract submissions: 20 December 2025
- Regional Conference on Child Marriage and Sexual Violence Against Adolescents in West and Central Africa, Dakar, Senegal & Hybrid/Virtual, 9-11 February 2026. Deadline for submissions: 20 December 2025
- 12th European Conference on Quality in Official Statistics, Šibenik, Croatia, 3-5 June 2026. Deadline for submissions: 7 January 2026

- Conference on Kinship Structures, Dynamics, and Inequalities, Rostock, Germany, 8-9 June 2026. Deadline for submissions: 21 January 2026
- Family diversity and health: The potential of register-based research in Germany and Europe, Berlin, Germany, 29-30 June 2026. Deadline for abstract submissions: 31 January 2026
- INVEST Conference 2026 - Building equal societies: from scientific findings to societal transformation, Turku, Finland, 6–8 May 2026. Deadline for submissions: 9 February 2026
- The ‘Good Life’ Data Challenge - A large-scale collaboration to identify the predictors of a happy, meaningful, and psychologically rich life, LIVES Centre (Switzerland). Deadline for submissions: 15 February 2026
- Special issue on Contemporary Pronatalism in Demographic Context in *Population Research and Policy Review*. Deadline for submissions: 1 March 2026
- Special Issue of *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research* on "Demographic perspectives on migration". Deadline for submissions: 15 May 2026

Training

Training courses and workshops

- 2026 Young Scientist Summer Program (YSSP), IIASA, Laxenburg (Vienna), Austria, 1 June–28 August 2026. Deadline for applications: 12 January 2026
- Summer Research Visit: Population and Social Data Science Summer Incubator Program, MPIDR, Rostock, Germany, 8 June–21 August 2026. Deadline for applications: 14 January 2026
- Summer School on ‘Micro-Census Insights into Historical Households, Mortality and Fertility’, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, 6-17 July 2026. Deadline for applications: 2 February 2026

Career and Study Opportunities

Jobs/Fellowships/PhD Positions/Post-Docs

- 4 Postdoc positions, Instituto de Investigación en Justicia Social y Desigualdades (IJD), Universidad de la Republica (Uruguay). Deadline for applications: 19 December 2025
 - Postdoc / Research Scientist, Max Planck Reproductive Ageing Research Group, MPIDR (Rostock, Germany). Deadline for applications: 11 January 2026
 - Postdoctoral Researcher with survey methodology experience, ERC-funded SINGLE project, Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics (CED), Barcelona, Spain. Deadline for applications: 11 January 2026
 - Postdoctoral Researcher on Social Inequalities in Population Health, Max Planck–University of Helsinki Centre (Rostock, Germany). Deadline for applications: 11 January 2026
 - Post-doctoral Associate at NYU Abu Dhabi, Division of Social Science (Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates). Deadline for applications: 15 January 2026
 - Professeur·e sur le thème "Villes et immigration", Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS), Montréal, Canada. Deadline for applications: 19 January 2026
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Calendar

Forthcoming IUSSP meetings & other events

- Regional Conference on Child Marriage and Sexual Violence Against Adolescents in West and Central Africa, organized by PHERI, APHRC and UAPS, Dakar, Senegal & Hybrid, 9-11 February 2026
- 16th Supercentenarian International Seminar, Paris/Aubervilliers, France, 9-10 April 2026
- 2026 PAA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri (United States), 6-9 May 2026
- European Population Conference (EPC 2026), Bologna, Italy, 3-6 June 2026
- **Conference on Kinship Structures, Dynamics, and Inequalities**, Rostock, Germany, 8-9 June 2026
- XII Congress of the Latin American Population Association (ALAP), San José, Costa Rica, 24-28 August 2026
- 7th Asian Population Association Conference, Hanoi, Vietnam, November 2026 (exact dates to be confirmed)

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 March 2026**. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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2025 Council and Committee on Nominations Election Results

The Election Committee completed the examination of the votes and is pleased to announce that the IUSSP members listed below have been elected and will join **Laura Rodriguez Wong** [Peru; Brazil] (elected in 2021) in January to serve on the 2026-2029 IUSSP Council.

Detailed results of the 2025 election can be read in the [Election Committee's report](#).

2026-2029 Council

Vice President (<i>& President Elect 2030-33</i>)	Reiko Hayashi [Japan]
Secretary General and Treasurer	Anne Goujon [France]
Council member for Africa	Ayaga Bawah [Ghana]
Council member for Asia and Oceania	Grace Cruz [Philippines]
Council member for Europe	Albert Esteve [Spain]
Council member for Latin America	Georgina Binstock [Argentina]
Council member for North America	Sara Curran [United States]
Council Member at large	Visseho Adjiwanou [Togo; Canada] Aude Bernard [Australia; France] Ann Moore [United States] Nico van Nimwegen [Netherlands]

Shireen Jejeebhoy was elected Honorary President of the Union.

Congratulations to the new IUSSP Council, which will begin its mandate on 1 January 2026.



2029 Committee on Nominations

The membership also voted to select members for the 2029 Committee on Nominations. Five members were elected:

- **AFRICA:** **Sunday Adedini** [Nigeria]
- **ASIA & OCEANIA:** **Sureporn Punpuing** [Thailand]
- **EUROPE:** **Jane Falkingham** [United Kingdom]
- **LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN:** **Suzana Cavenaghi** [Brazil]
- **NORTHERN AMERICA:** **David Lam** [United States]

The 2029 Committee on Nominations will be chaired by **Shireen Jejeebhoy** [India], the most-recently elected Honorary President (following the IUSSP Constitution article 10.3).



IUSSP ELECTION PROCEDURES

The election was held from 15 September to 27 October 2025. The electoral list included all (full) members who were in good standing as of 15 August 2025. The elections were conducted via the Internet and all votes cast were automatically tabulated by Association Voting, a third-party internet company which provides online voting services to many associations.

The electoral procedure was controlled by an Election Committee composed of three IUSSP members appointed by the Council: Ankit Sikarwar [India], Jenny Garcia [France; Bolivia] and Adrien Remund [Switzerland].

Highlights from the 2025 IUSSP General Assembly

Zoom meeting, 13 November 2025

The IUSSP held its quadrennial **General Assembly** virtually on 13 November 2025, bringing 130 members together online to reflect on achievements from the past four years and to preview priorities for the next term. While the plenary portion allowed only limited time for discussion, members engaged more deeply during **breakout sessions with Scientific Panels**, which drew strong participation across themes and career stages.

Looking Back: Achievements and Challenges

Outgoing President **Shireen Jejeebhoy** opened the Assembly with **reflections** on a productive 4-year mandate marked by:

- A vibrant scientific programme with **24 active panels**, numerous seminars, webinars and training events, and special journal issues.
- A successful **IPC 2025 in Brisbane**, gathering 1,300 participants from nearly 100 countries.
- Receipt of the **2025 UN Population Award**—IUSSP became the proud winner of the 2025 United Nations Population Award, for the evidence we have generated, the capacity we have built, and the networks we have facilitated across the globe.
- Expanded support for early-career demographers, including a new Early Career Panel and the Early Career Awards.
- Growing collaboration with regional associations and the addition of new institutional members.

She also noted persistent challenges: shifting donor priorities, shrinking core funding, and increasingly restrictive academic environments.

Report on Activities and Finances

Secretary General **Nico van Nimwegen** **summarized IUSSP's scientific activities**, publications, training efforts, and partnerships. He highlighted:

- Continued strong engagement across 24 Scientific Panels, including two recently created.
- Receipt of the UN Population Award recognizing IUSSP's global leadership since 1928, promoting international collaborations and helping to build capacity in demography and population studies.
- Growth in institutional affiliation and stabilization of membership trends, even as professional association membership becomes less automatic for early-career scholars.
- High-quality outputs from IUSSP panels and special projects funded by the Gates Foundation and IDRC-Canada.

- The scientific strength and logistical success of IPC 2025, made possible through the work of reviewers, conveners, volunteers, and partners in Australia.
- A stable financial position with **€2.1M in reserves**, though future sustainability remains a concern given declining donor support.

Members approved the 2021–2024 activities and financial report-.

Breakout Sessions with Scientific Panels

Participants then joined “**meet and greet**” **breakout rooms** with ten Scientific Panels, covering topics from abortion research to migration, climate change, kinship, mortality, demographic terminology, reproductive justice, and early-career perspectives. These exchanges provided rich opportunities for members to learn about ongoing work and future plans.

A New Council and a New Quadrennium

Incoming President **Laura Wong** presented the **2026–2029 Council**, the **2029 Committee on Nominations**, and welcomed Shireen Jejeebhoy as Honorary President. She emphasized the importance of member engagement, the centrality of scientific panels, and preparations for **IUSSP’s 100th anniversary in 2028**. She encouraged young demographers to propose new panel initiatives and help shape the Union’s future.

Looking Ahead to IPC 2029 – Barcelona

Albert Esteve (IUSSP Council Member and Director of the Centre for Demographic Studies - CED) and **Mariona Lozano** (Research Fellow, CED) shared early plans for **IPC 2029**, to be held **23–27 July 2029** at Universitat Pompeu Fabra’s Ciutadella campus in Barcelona, with hybrid options for large plenaries and an opening ceremony at a major cultural venue.

Explore the Full Materials

Members are invited to dive deeper into the discussion and decisions:

- [Minutes of the General Assembly](#)
- [Report for 2021-2025 by IUSSP Secretary General and Treasurer Nico van Nimwegen](#)
- [Report of the independent Auditor to the General Assembly](#)
- [IUSSP Panel reports \(and other background documents\)](#)

Thank You to All Members

Your participation — whether in person or online — continues to strengthen the IUSSP community and its mission. We look forward to working together to advance population research over the next four years.

- [Watch a video of the 2025 IUSSP General Assembly.](#)

Tribute to France Meslé – IUSSP Laureate Ceremony 2025

INED, Aubervilliers/Paris, France & online, 7 October 2025

The Union honored France Meslé (Emeritus Researcher at the French National Institute for Demographic Studies - INED) with the 35th Laureate at a hybrid ceremony that took place on 7 October at INED in Aubervilliers, France. The ceremony gathered colleagues, students, family members, collaborators, and IUSSP leaders from around the world, in person and online, reflecting the breadth of France's influence on demography, her outstanding contributions to the advancement of population sciences and her distinguished service to the community of population scientists and IUSSP.

Tributes were delivered by: **Magali Barbieri, Vladimir Shkolnikov, Giancarlo Camarda, Jenny Garcia, María Eugenia Cosío-Zavala, Géraldine Duthé, Pavel Grigoriev, Mary Ellen Zuppan, and Shireen Jejeebhoy**, with many INED colleagues and international collaborators also in attendance.



The speakers painted a moving portrait of France Meslé:

- **Scientific Leadership:** France was praised as a pioneering figure in mortality and cause-of-death analysis, whose methodological innovations and international collaborations—particularly in Eastern Europe and the Human Mortality Database—have profoundly shaped the field.
- **Builder of Networks:** Her work has created lasting scientific communities across continents, uniting researchers around rigorous data work and comparative analysis.
- **Exceptional Mentor:** Colleagues and former students emphasized her rare balance of high expectations, intellectual clarity, encouragement, and genuine concern for students and colleagues—qualities that helped launch and sustain many careers.
- **Service to the IUSSP:** Her tenure as Secretary General and Treasurer was highlighted for strengthening the Union's activities, partnerships, and visibility, including the creation of N-IUSSP and enhanced collaboration with the United Nations.
- **Warmth and Humility:** Beyond her scholarly contributions, France was consistently described as modest, generous, open-minded, and deeply human—a colleague who builds community as she advances science showing the empathy and scientific rigor are not incompatible.



France's Reflections

In her closing remarks, France expressed gratitude and surprise at the honor, recalling key moments of her long association with the IUSSP and recognizing the colleagues, mentors, and loved ones who shaped her path. She underscored her belief that scientific progress is fundamentally collective, thanking INED and her many collaborators for the privilege of continuing to work and share ideas even in retirement.

- For more information on France Meslé's career and contributions to the population field read the [letter of nomination](#).
- For additional information on the IUSSP Laureate Awards and how to nominate deserving colleagues: [IUSSP Laureate Award](#)
- [Watch a video of the ceremony.](#)

Selection of photos



UNFPA-India session congratulating IUSSP on receiving the 2025 UN Population Award at the IASP Annual Conference *Kolkata, India, 27–29 November 2025*

At the 46th Annual Conference of the Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP), held 27–29 November 2025 in Kolkata, India UNFPA India formally felicitated the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) for receiving the **2025 United Nations Population Award (Institutional Category)**. The session, chaired by **Andrea M. Wojnar**, UNFPA India Representative and Country Director for Bhutan, highlighted IUSSP's long-standing contributions to advancing global population science, fostering collaboration across regions, and strengthening capacity for demographic research.

In her address, **Shireen Jejeebhoy**, IUSSP President (2022–2025), described the award as a powerful affirmation of IUSSP's leadership in generating rigorous evidence, building research capacity, and convening global networks. Reflecting on her own early career experience as an IUSSP seminar participant, she emphasized the organisation's commitment to academic excellence, egalitarian collaboration, and mentorship across generations. She also outlined key achievements from the last four years, including the work of 24 scientific panels, successful publication outputs, a highly attended International Population Conference (IPC) 2025 in Brisbane, and the strengthening of initiatives for early-career scholars and institutional partnerships.

Shireen Jejeebhoy also noted the growing challenges facing the population field—rising inequalities, below-replacement fertility in some regions and continuing high fertility in others, climate- and conflict-induced mobility, political instability, and threats to data quality and academic freedom. She highlighted the need for demographic research to go beyond traditional data systems, including digital data and artificial intelligence, and underscored the urgency of informed policy dialogue at a time of widespread demographic anxieties and misinformation.

Mary Ellen Zuppan, IUSSP Executive Director, highlighted the Union's core activities and opportunities for engagement. She outlined IUSSP's global membership and its scientific programme, driven by member-led panels addressing emerging population challenges. She also emphasized the Union's commitment to capacity strengthening through training, mentoring and online tools, as well as its dissemination platforms, including N-IUSSP, the Bulletin and IPC Working Papers. She encouraged IASP members to participate in upcoming calls for new panels and in preparations for the next International Population Conference in Barcelona in 2029, inviting members to stay engaged and contribute to the Union's vibrant community.



Panelists, from left to right: KG Santhya, Suresh Sharma, Andrea Wojnar, Shireen Jejeebhoy, Niranjan Saggurti and Kajori Banerjee on stage during the felicitation ceremony at the 46th IASP Annual Conference.

Panel Reflections: The Value of IUSSP's Scientific Community

A panel discussion moderated by Shireen Jejeebhoy brought together a group of IUSSP members in India: Krishnamurthi Srinivasan, Kajori Banerjee, K.G. Santhya, and Niranjan Saggurti. The speakers reflected on IUSSP's unique strengths:

- its **unfiltered, uncensored space** for scientific exchange;
- a deep commitment to **data quality** and methodological rigor;
- an **egalitarian and supportive environment** that nurtures junior demographers;
- the role of IUSSP activities in **inspiring lifelong engagement** with demography.

Panelists proposed future directions, including strengthening virtual activities to broaden accessibility, continued investment in scientific panels, and fresh initiatives for early-career researchers.

UNFPA Perspectives

Andrea Wojnar underscored the critical role of population scientists in addressing today's multi-dimensional challenges—from climate change to migration, aging, and equitable development. She encouraged demographers and institutions like IUSSP to deepen engagement with multidisciplinary forums, noting that complex demographic issues require integrated approaches.

UNFPA highlighted that India's demographic trajectory, including its large youth population, presents both opportunities and responsibilities. Evidence-based policies grounded in high-quality demographic data remain essential for ensuring inclusive and sustainable growth.

Closing Reflections

Participants echoed strong appreciation for IUSSP's global role, its scientific leadership, and its spirit of collegiality. The session closed with a call to sustain and strengthen support for the Union—intellectually, financially, and through broader partnerships—as it prepares to meet the evolving challenges and opportunities confronting the population field.

IUSSP at the 2025 International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP)

Bogotá, Colombia, 3-6 November 2025

The IUSSP was present at the **International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP)** that took place in Bogotá, Colombia November 3-6, 2025. This meeting provided an opportunity for IUSSP Council members and IUSSP members to engage with the global Family Planning community, especially the large contingent from Latin America. During the meeting, a diverse pool of IUSSP members volunteered at the IUSSP booth and engaged with ICFP participants about the benefits of participating in the Union. 61 people signed up to receive more information about the IUSSP.

The conference also provided an opportunity for the **IUSSP Panel on Rethinking Family Planning Measurement with a Reproductive Justice and Rights Lens** to engage with the global family planning community. This included presenting findings from a recent consensus-building exercise as part of an oral session on **New Tools and Approaches for Measuring Family Planning and Reproductive Health**.

The Panel also led a one-day post-conference recommendations workshop with about 30 invited participants representing researchers, practitioners, measurement experts, and donors from across the globe. The workshop was an opportunity through large and small group discussions to review and scrutinize lessons learned and recommendations for future family planning measurement. The recommendations from the workshop will be disseminated in 2026.



Panel members: Ilene Speizer, Niranjana Saggurti, Elizabeth Sully, Madeleine Short Fabic, Fredrick Makumbi.

Announcing the Chinese Versions of the Online Multilingual Demographic Dictionaries

December 2025

The IUSSP is pleased to announce the release of the **Chinese versions of the Online Multilingual Demographic Dictionaries**, now accessible through the Demopaedia platform. Importantly, the project includes **two Chinese variants**—one for **Mainland China (Simplified Chinese)** and one for **Taiwan (Traditional Chinese)**—reflecting linguistic practice and terminology differences across Chinese-speaking regions. Their addition marks an important expansion of this long-standing international reference resource.

The printed versions can be ordered /purchased through Lulu.com, a "print-on-demand" service, using the links provided above. **Additionally, you can download the PDF or EPUB versions** of the dictionaries in Chinese as well as in other languages via the **Demopaedia website for downloads**. *[If your browser automatically changes the URL from http to https, please manually edit the URL back to http to ensure proper access]*. The Demopaedia dictionaries, available both in web format and as printed books, are released under the **Creative Commons ShareAlike license**.

Why two Chinese editions?

The dictionary initially aimed for a single unified Chinese edition. However, **traditional Chinese indexing relies on counting strokes**, a method younger generations increasingly cannot perform because **handwriting has declined sharply** as people increasingly use computers and smartphones for communication. The team had to find more appropriate classification methods, but each proposed classification method is specific to the character variant, resulting in the need for two variants. *(For more information on this, read "Why One Dictionary Became Two Books", by Nicolas Brouard.)*

A Long-Standing Resource, Now Online and Expanded

The Multilingual Demographic Dictionaries were originally developed under the auspices of the United Nations and the IUSSP beginning in the 1950s. Their purpose was to establish a **standardized, multilingual vocabulary** of demographic concepts for use in research, teaching, and statistical reporting.

With the creation of **Demopaedia**, the dictionaries were transformed into an online, openly accessible, and evolving resource. Today, Demopaedia provides harmonized definitions, stable term identifiers, and a shared conceptual structure across multiple languages. The online environment allows the dictionaries to be consulted easily and updated over time while maintaining cross-linguistic coherence.

Languages Currently Available on Demopaedia

Demopaedia now hosts dictionary content in a broad set of languages, including Arabic, Chinese (Mainland), Chinese (Taiwan), Czech, English, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Nepali, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese.

Languages With a Unified Version of the 2nd Edition

The “unified” edition refers to a harmonized, structurally consistent version of the 2nd edition intended to serve as the basis for translation into multiple languages. At present, the unified format is fully available in **English and French**; it is used as the reference base for all subsequent translations, including the newly added Chinese versions. Other languages have been partially harmonized or are in progress.

Why the Online Dictionaries Matter for Demographers

In an international research environment where work routinely crosses linguistic and institutional boundaries, the online multilingual dictionaries serve several essential functions:

- **Conceptual precision and comparability**
They provide authoritative definitions aligned with internationally accepted demographic practice, reducing ambiguity in teaching, research, and official statistics.
- **Support for multilingual collaboration**
Harmonized terminology facilitates translation of teaching materials, survey instruments, technical documents, and research outputs across linguistic contexts.
- **A didactic tool for students and non-specialists**
The chapter structure and explanatory notes make the dictionaries more like a concise textbook of core demographic concepts.
- **A living resource**
As a wiki-based platform, Demopaedia can evolve as demographic science evolves, allowing incremental updates while maintaining structural consistency.

The inclusion of the two Chinese variants significantly broadens the reach and usability of this shared terminology. It also supports the many researchers worldwide who engage with demographic data and scholarship from Chinese-speaking regions.

A Foundation for Interoperability and Machine-Readable Terminology

The structured, multilingual nature of the dictionaries provides a natural foundation for making demographic terminology **FAIR—Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable**—by both humans and machines.

As part of a [new IUSSP initiative](#), work is underway to explore how Demopaedia's stable identifiers, definitions, and translations can support:

- **Machine-readable demographic ontologies**
- **Metadata standards for censuses, surveys, and administrative sources**
- **Improved discovery and interoperability across demographic datasets**
- **Better performance of AI and NLP tools in handling demographic concepts**

The availability of harmonized terminology across many languages—including the two Chinese variants—is essential for this vision. Machine-readable demographic vocabularies depend on a shared conceptual framework, and the Multilingual Demographic Dictionaries provide precisely such a foundation.

Looking Forward

The addition of the Chinese versions represents both a milestone and an opportunity. It expands access to this authoritative demographic lexicon, strengthens the global utility of Demopaedia, and supports the IUSSP's emerging work on FAIR and machine-actionable demographic terminology.

We encourage members to explore the Chinese dictionaries and to revisit the broader multilingual collection at [Demopaedia.org](https://demopaedia.org). Your engagement and feedback will help guide the next stages of this evolving resource.

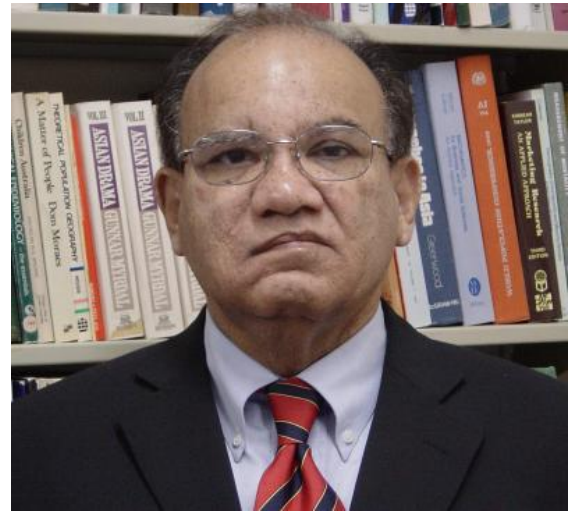
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Farhat Yusuf (1940-2025)

*Farhat Yusuf died in Sydney, Australia on 14th October 2025 aged 85. A long-time and active IUSSP member, he joined IUSSP in 1967. He chaired the **IUSSP Scientific Panel on Business Demography** (2007-2009).*

Farhat Yusuf was born in 1940 in Delhi in what was then British India. Post-independence and partition, he moved with his parents to Pakistan. He was awarded a PhD in Demography by the Australian National University (ANU) in 1967. Following a period in Pakistan, in 1970 he returned to Australia to take up a Senior Lecturer position at Macquarie University in Sydney. He played a major role in the development of its ground-breaking undergraduate program in Demography. He worked at Macquarie University for over 40 years, rising to the rank of Professor. After his retirement in 2011, he remained an active researcher. In 2015, he was honoured by the Government of Australia by being made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).



Farhat co-authored four books. First published in 1974, *Demographic Techniques* (with then colleagues Alf Pollard and Geoff Pollard) became the textbook of choice for a generation of demographers around the world. *Consumer Demographics and Behaviour: Markets are People* (with Jo Martins and David Swanson), published in 2011, reflected his emerging interest in the field of Business Demography. Another fine introductory textbook (also with Martins and Swanson), *Methods of Demographic Analysis* was published in 2014.

Farhat authored a large number of solid data-based journal articles, both in Demography and in Public Health. His diverse range of research topics included family planning, fertility, biomedical demography, mortality, tobacco use and household expenditure. His obvious passion for research was sustained for over six decades, with his most recent paper appearing only shortly before his death in 2025.

In addition to his contributions to IUSSP, Farhat played a leading role in the development of the Australian Population Association (APA), especially in broadening its focus beyond the ANU. He was proud to claim to having been the APA's first National President. He was a driving force in the APA's New South Wales Regional Group for many years.

He acted as a consultant at various international organisations, including the UN Population Fund, the UN Development Programme, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer, and built extensive networks across government, business, and academia.

Farhat Yusuf is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Sadly, the Demography Program at Macquarie University to which he devoted much energy has been discontinued. He leaves a substantial legacy of knowledge creation and mentorship and will be missed by friends and colleagues around the world.

Nick Parr, Honorary Professor, Macquarie University

New members

9 new members joined the IUSSP between 1 September and 30 November 2025.

Canada: Nandita Bajaj. **China:** Jiajia Li. **Ghana:** Delight Dzahene. **India:** Neerad Deshmukh. **Kenya:** Hilbert Omamo. **Spain:** Mariona Riera-Lozano. **Sweden:** Frank Götmark. **United States:** Hal Caswell; Paula Fomby.

New Student Members

6 new student members joined the IUSSP between 1 September and 30 November 2025.

Canada: Ruth Lue. **Ecuador:** Katherine Del Salto Calderon. **France:** Loia Lamarque. **Ghana:** Johnson Katsekpor. **Japan:** Akiyoshi Kawano. **Russia:** Ilya Klimkin.