



Call for papers

International Workshop on Subnational Life Tables

15-17 October 2019 at the Australian National University, Canberra

The School of Demography at the Australian National University and the Human Mortality Database team invites submissions for an International Workshop on Subnational Life Tables. The seminar will focus on mortality at the subnational level, with particular interest in studies using country-specific databases related to the Human Mortality Database (HMD). The HMD is the leading source of mortality and population data at the national level and contains detailed data for over 40 populations.

Additionally, there exist four country-specific databases devoted to subnational:

- Australia (demography.cass.anu.edu.au/research/australian-human-mortality-database)
- Canada (www.bdlc.umontreal.ca/CHMD/)
- Japan (www.ipss.go.jp/p-toukei/JMD/index-en.asp)
- United States (usa.mortality.org)

In 2019, a subnational database for Germany will be released. All these databases use the standard HMD methods, and the workshop will discuss the applicability of the standard HMD methods to subnational data and consider alternative methods to assure consistency.

The themes of the workshop are:

- Past, present and future of mortality trends at the subnational level
- Methodological adjustments for creating the mortality series at the subnational level
- Addressing statistical uncertainties
- Comparisons including subnational HMD data and other databases (e.g. National Statistical Offices)
- Presentation of R packages used by the HMD team
- Spatial analysis of mortality

The overall aim of the Workshop is to strengthen the methods for constructing subnational life tables. **Submissions devoted to the development of new subnational databases are especially welcome.**

The Workshop will bring together international scholars with an interest in mortality analysis at the subnational level. There are no participation fees, and workshop venue and meals are covered by our sponsors, but participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Guidelines for Abstract and extended abstract submission

1. All submissions must be made in PDF format.
2. The first page should contain the Title and Abstract (not exceeding 350 words), and the name, affiliation, and contact information for the contributor.
3. Extended abstracts should not exceed 1500 words, but should be sufficiently detailed to allow the organizers to judge the merits of the paper. Typically, extended abstracts consist of statement of research question, the data and research methods, an illustration, and the expected findings
4. Please submit your proposals to: U1019088@anu.edu.au

Important Dates

Deadline for submitting abstract: 15th March, 2019

Notification of accepted papers: 15th April, 2019

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