

Report to the 2021 IUSSP General Assembly

[Population and Environment Research Network \(PERN\) Report, 2017-2021](#)

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PERN has remained active during the past four years, hosting six cyberseminars and continuing to promote interactions among its approximately 2,000 members. Its online format was ideally suited to the transition to virtual meetings resulting from the COVID pandemic. PERN elected rotating members to its scientific committee in 2018 and 2021, including a mix of prominent demographers, geographers, economists, public health experts, and physical scientists.

- [Cyberseminars](#):

- . Refugee and internally displaced populations, environmental impacts and climate risks, May 2021. Co-sponsor: Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Human Planet Initiative
- . Population, Climate Change and Food Security, May 2020. Co-sponsors: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)-Climate Change and Food Security (CCAFS)
- . Application of Gridded Population and Settlement Products in Geospatial Population-Environment Research, October 2019; Co-organizer: POPGRID Data Collaborative
- . Climate, Migration and Health: An Underexplored Intersection, November 2018; Co-Sponsors: IUSSP, University of Colorado-Boulder Population Center
- . People and Pixels Revisited: 20 years of progress and new tools for population-environment research, February 2018. **Publications:** Kugler, T.A., et al. 2019. People and Pixels 20 years later: the current data landscape and research trends blending population and environmental data. *Population and Environment*. 41(2), 209-234. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11111-019-00326-5>; Tellman, B., et al. 2020. Understanding the role of illicit transactions in land-change dynamics. *Nature Sustainability*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-019-0457-1>
- . Cyberseminar on Culture, Beliefs and the Environment, May 2017. Co-organizer: Columbia Aging Center. **Publication:** Skirbekk, V., et al. 2020. Religious affiliation and environmental challenges in the 21st century. *Journal of Religion and Demography*. 7: 238–271. <https://doi.org/10.1163/2589742X-12347110>

- [Workshops](#):

- . Online Training: Introduction to Spatial Data Integration for Demographic Research / Capacitación en Línea: Introducción a la Integración Espacial de Datos para la Investigación Demográfica. 2020. Support for this ONLINE workshop was provided by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Link to training videos: <https://vimeopro.com/vcubeusa1/iussp-2019>

- [Newsletters](#)

Between 2017 and 2021, PERN has released 12 “What’s New?”, which are online digests containing pertinent and up to date information to facilitate research and advance knowledge of population environment relationships. It also maintains a discussion list for information sharing among members.

- [eLibrary](#)

By September 2021, PERN’s eLibrary included 2690 items, and 273 of them items were added between Feb 2017 and Sep 2021.