

## **Report for the 2021 IUSSP general Assembly of Members**

### **IUSSP Panel in Historical Demography 2018-2021**

Chair: Martin Dribe, Lund University (Sweden)

The panel started its activities in 2018 and planned four seminars and one workshop during the period 2019-2021. The workshop and the first seminar were held as planned, and the second seminar was fully prepared and scheduled to take place in April 2020. The outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic forced us to cancel this meeting last minute and also had major repercussions for the other panel activities.

#### **Workshop: Automated Registration of Historical Population Registers: New Prospects and Possibilities**

Centre for Economic Demography, Lund University, Sweden, February 14, 2019

The workshop focused on methods for automated text recognition of both printed (OCR) and and-written (HTR) documents. Four presentations were given, followed by a general discussion. With over 40 academic scholars, archivists and scientific librarians in attendance, there was an engaging discussion and active networking.

#### **Seminar: Kinship and Reproduction in Past Societies**

Minneapolis (Minnesota), United States, 22-23 August 2019

The seminar brought together 19 participants from Canada, China, Germany, Hong Kong, Mexico, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, and the United States. 15 papers were presented dealing with different contexts in both time and place.

#### **Seminar: Looking backward, looking forward: African demography in long-term perspective**

Scheduled for April 2-4, 2020 in Nairobi Kenya with 27 participants from Europe, Africa and the United States. The seminar was postponed due to Covid-19, and the new date for the seminar has been set to November 29-December 3, 2021. The intention is to hold the seminar in Kenya as originally planned but with a backup of a virtual meeting if necessary.

#### **Seminar: Demographic processes and social reproduction in the long run**

Scheduled for August 2020 in Paris but cancelled due to Covid-19. A selection of the original submissions will be presented at a session at the World Economic History Congress in Paris in the summer of 2022.

#### **Seminar: Migration in the past: patterns, causes, consequences, and implications for the present**

Scheduled for spring 2021 in Beijing but cancelled due to Covid-19. The intention is to organize the meeting during 2022, after the termination of the current panel.

#### **Publications from activities:**

Kinship seminar, Minneapolis:

Filser, A. & Willführ, K. P. (Forthcoming). Sex ratios and union formation in the historical population of the St. Lawrence Valley. Submitted for publication.

Hacker, J. D., Helgertz, J., Nelson, M. A., & Roberts, E. (Forthcoming). The influence of kin proximity on the reproductive success of American couples, 1900–1910. *Demography* (in press).

Jennings, J.A. (2020). Hired helpers at the nest: The association between life-cycle servants and net fertility North Orkney, 1851-1911. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 172(3): 412-422. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajpa.24040>

Willführ, K. P., Eriksson, B., & Dribe, M. (2021). The impact of kin proximity on net marital fertility and maternal survival in Sweden 1900–1910—Evidence for cooperative breeding in a societal context of nuclear families, or just contextual correlations? *American Journal of Human Biology*, e23609. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajhb.23609>