

The logo for PopFest 2016 is located on a purple rectangular background. The word "PopFest" is written in a white, sans-serif font, with "Pop" in white and "Fest" in yellow. Below it, the year "2016" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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2016

Call for abstracts – PopFest 2016: The 24th Annual Population Postgraduate Conference

Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 July 2016

University of Manchester

PopFest is an annual Population Studies conference for postgraduate students organised by fellow postgraduates. It provides an excellent opportunity to bring together researchers from various Social Science disciplines such as Demography, Human Geography, Urban and Landscape Planning, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Social Statistics, Politics and other related fields. PopFest not only attracts very talented researchers from across the UK but also from around Europe making it a successful platform for friendly, international networking. Therefore, we highly encourage overseas colleagues to join us and present their research and ideas in front of a very friendly, enthusiastic and open-minded international audience! For those not wishing to present, we also welcome poster contributions plus PopFest provides a great opportunity to keep up to date with ongoing research and meet new colleagues from diverse fields.

Location

PopFest has been successfully organised by various British universities in conjunction with the British Society for Population Studies (BSPS) for the past 23 years. In 2016, The University of Manchester will be hosting the event for the first time. Located in the heart of the North West region of England with excellent transport links (road, rail and air), the University provides an excellent opportunity to bring together talented researchers from across the UK and Europe. Furthermore, the University is the home of 'methods@manchester'; an initiative funded by the Faculty of Humanities which highlights Manchester's strength in research methods in the social sciences and promotes interdisciplinary plus innovative methodological developments.

Submission

Abstracts for both oral presentations and poster sessions are welcome. Theoretical as well as empirical papers can include—but are not limited to—the following topics:

- Migration/mobility
- Childhood and youth
- Health and mortality
- Ethnicity and religion
- Modelling and simulation
- Small area estimation and survey methodology
- Data management and methodological approaches in population studies
- Life course
- Ageing
- Population policies
- Household and family demography
- Fertility, contraception, sexual and reproductive behaviour
- Urban and landscape planning

Paper proposals should include a title and an abstract length of maximum 300 words. The submission deadline is 31 March 2016 and notification of acceptance will be by 6 May 2016. PopFest also gives postgraduates the opportunity to chair sessions. If you are interested in chairing a session, please indicate this during the submission process and we will consider your request.

In addition, renowned keynote speakers and panel members will address the most recent topics in the field of population studies and discuss the policy implications. These sessions provide great opportunities to learn about current population-related developments. During the conference, we will also be running workshops on topics such as 'getting published' and 'non-academic careers' and there will be social events organised in the evenings for participants to enjoy.

More information

We look forward to welcoming you to Manchester in July! If applicable, please don't forget to email your 300 word abstract to popfest.2016@manchester.ac.uk including "PopFest 2016 poster/presentation (choose one) abstract" in the subject header by Thursday, March 31 2016.

A limited number of student bursaries will be available. To be considered for a student bursary, please add an extra 150 words below your abstract outlining the reason(s) for your bursary application.

Registration deadlines

Early bird registration ends on Friday, May 20 2016, and standard registration ends Friday, June 17 2016.

- [Book your ticket on the University's eStore](#)
- [Visit the event's Facebook page](#)

Travelling to PopFest 2016

The University is located on the south side of Manchester city centre. PopFest 2016 will be located in the Humanities Bridgeford Street Building (building 35 on the campus map).

Travel by train

The Humanities Bridgeford Street Building is located close to both Oxford Road train station (7 minutes walking distance) and Piccadilly Station. If travelling to Piccadilly Station, the [Oxford Road link bus](#) (number 147) runs from Piccadilly Rail Station across the campus (the closest bus stop is by the Aquatics Centre, 1 minute walk from there). A taxi from Piccadilly Station to the Oxford Road area of the campus will cost you about £5.

For details of timetables, tickets and other rail information, please visit [National Rail Enquiries webpage](#).

Travel by air

If you plan to travel by air to The University of Manchester, our nearest airport is Manchester Airport. Manchester Airport is one of the largest and busiest in the country. It is located about 10 miles (16km) south of the city centre, about 30 minutes from the University. The airport has a number of transport links to the city:

- **Train** – The airport's terminals are linked directly to the city centre by a fast, frequent 24-hour train link to both Piccadilly and Oxford Road stations. (please check <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>)
- **Taxi** – A taxi from the airport to the University will cost approximately £20.
- **Bus** – Local buses also run to the Oxford Road campus.

Accommodation at PopFest 2016

Budget friendly hotels:-

Hotel	Star rating	Location	Distance	Rating (Trip Advisor)
Travelodge Manchester Upper Brook Street	n/a	227 Upper Brook Street, Manchester, M13 0HB	0.1 miles to University of Manchester; 1 mile to city centre	4.0/5
Holiday Inn Express, Manchester City Centre	3	2 Oxford Road, Manchester, M1 5QA	0.8 miles to University of Manchester; 0.5 miles to city centre	4.0/5
ibis Manchester Centre Princess Street	2	Charles Street, Manchester, M1 7DL	0.8 miles to University of Manchester; 0.5 miles to city centre	3.8/5
Le Ville Hotel	3	38-42 Canal Street, Manchester, M1 3WD	1.0 mile to University of Manchester; 0.4 miles to city centre	3.7/5
Jurys Inn, Manchester City Centre	3	56 Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester, M1 5LE	1.0 mile to University of Manchester; 0.3 miles to city centre	4.2/5
ibis Manchester Centre, Portland Street	2	96 Portland Street, Manchester, M1 4QX	1.1 miles to University of Manchester; 0.3 miles to city centre	3.8
Britannia Hotel, Manchester city	3	35 Portland Street,	1.2 miles to University of Manchester; 0.3 miles to	3.0

centre		Manchester, M1 5LA	city centre	
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Other options:-

Hotel	Star rating	Location	Distance	Rating (Trip Advisor)
INNSIDE by Melia Manchester	4	1 First Street, Manchester, M15 4RP	0.9 miles to University of Manchester; 0.5 miles to city centre	4.5/5
Macdonald Manchester Hotel and Spa	4	London Road, Manchester, M1 2PG	0.9 miles to University of Manchester; 0.5 miles to city centre	4.1/5
The Palace Hotel	4	Oxford Street, Manchester, M60 7HA	0.9 miles to University of Manchester; 0.4 miles to city centre	3.8/5
Townhouse Hotel Manchester	4	101 Portland Street, Manchester, M1 6DF	1.1 miles to University of Manchester; 0.3 miles to city centre	4.0/5
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Manchester Piccadilly	4	One Piccadilly Place, 1 Auburn Street, Manchester, M1 3DG	1.1 miles to University of Manchester; 0.5 miles to city centre	4.5/5

To book your accommodation, we recommend using the following platforms: booking.com; laterooms.com; hostelworld.com; expedia.com; hotels.com; lastminute.com; airbnb.

More information on travel and accommodation is available at [the University of Manchester website](#). See also: methods@manchester.

You can find more information on submission guidelines, registration, accommodation and travel details plus information on our sponsors from our website: <http://www.cmist.manchester.ac.uk/connect/events/popfest-2016/>.

Moreover, you can contact us with any queries regarding PopFest 2016 at: popfest.2016@manchester.ac.uk

PopFest 2016 Organising Committee