

Winter School in Demographic Transition and Development in Rich and Poor Countries Continuity and Change

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The Winter School in Demographic Transition and Development is meant to create an international and highly qualified learning environment, which should allow participants to be actively involved in workshops and seminars and to experiment innovative ways of collaborative learning under the supervision of re-known academics and experts from different Universities and Research Centers.

The demographic transition is a comprehensive social process that has been influencing and will be having a great impact on how countries overcome the old demographic regime and pass from high levels of mortality and fertility to a mean age of death at seventy years and a fertility level close to two children per woman. The demographic transition is closely interrelated with economic and social development and shows surprising similarities – but also clear differences – among the countries which are (now) rich and poor. The DTD Winter School will focus on topics such as the description of the demographic transition and socio-economic development in different contexts around the world (now) rich and poor; on how to measure the demographic transition and development in poor countries today; on the association among demographic transition, development and some components of modernization: education, religion, urbanization, politics, international migration. The originality of the School is to compare students and teachers from different areas of the world where the demographic transition is already completed, under way or just in its early stages.

The course consists of 13 lectures of one hour and half each, 10 presentations of case studies (about 45 minutes each), two seminars and a final general discussion. The case studies will be presented by some participants among those who will have obtained a scholarship. Classes will be taught in English.

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Applicants

The School is open to a maximum of 20 participants, 10 of which may be awarded a scholarship on a competitive basis. The selection criteria are indicated in the DTD Winter School web site – www.statistica.unipd.it/winterschool2011/index.asp. The school welcomes participants from both European and Extra European countries. A good command of English is also required. The program is primarily intended for Ph.D. students post graduate students, holders of a Master degree and young researchers having an academic or professional interest in population studies and a basic knowledge of Demography. Young researchers should possibly have completed their training less than three years prior to their present application. In case of young researchers who have taken documented maternity leave, the interval may be prolonged.

Application process

People interested in participating in the Winter School must apply by submitting the DTD Winter School application form; a curriculum vitae including statements about their current or projected research, along with relevant research papers, if any; a one-page motivation letter describing their interest in Demographic Transition and Development; one letter of recommendation.

Submission deadline

Applications are due (i.e. they must be received by the Winter School Secretariat) by **10 October, 2011**.

Admission decisions will be made and announced by 20 October 2011. All applicants will be informed by e-mail about the results. We encourage electronic submissions: dtd.winterschool@stat.unipd.it.

Participants may also send their application by post to the following postal address:

Università degli Studi di Padova - Facoltà di Scienze Statistiche
To Francesca MURA - DTD Winter School Secretariat
Via Cesare Battisti 241 - 35121 Padova, ITALY

Registration fees

Admitted participants must pay a fee of **300 EUR**, which is meant to cover tuition costs and the learning materials handed out during the training. Participants are requested to register to the Winter School by anticipating a quota of 50 EUR via bank transfer. The remaining quota of 250 EUR will have to be paid cash upon arrival directly to the Winter School Secretariat. Payment settlement is mandatory. Participants who will not have their payment settled will not be admitted to class. A copy of the bank transfer payment must be sent to the fax nr.: +39 049 827 4120.

In order to settle the payment, please refer to the **bank details indicated on the DTD Winter School web site** –

www.statistica.unipd.it/winterschool2011/index.asp.

In case of withdrawal from the course, an official withdrawal letter written by the enrolled student must be sent to Winter School Secretariat (dtd.winterschool@stat.unipd.it). The participation fee of 50 euros, when already paid, will not be returned.

Scholarships

Grants will be awarded to **10 (ten) participants**.

Participants will be selected on their academic potential, past relevant experiences, personal motivation and recommendation (please see the detailed selection criteria on the DTD Winter School web site – www.statistica.unipd.it/winterschool2011/index.asp). Participants wishing to apply for a scholarship must state their interest in the application form. The scholarship will be managed by the Winter School Secretariat and cover the following items: tuition fee (300 EUR); learning materials; accommodation at University colleges; meals at University canteens; a lump sum of the travel costs from and to the University of Padova (the forfeit quota of travel costs awarded to the scholarship holders will be established based on their country of origin; participants may receive up to maximum 500 EUR). Students that have qualified for a scholarship will be given instructions in order to accept it officially.

Accommodation

The DTD Winter School sessions will be held in a beautiful venue in downtown Padova, Italy. All participants are required to stay for the entire duration of the event. Accommodation, lunches and travel expenses are not included in the participation fee. Please direct logistical questions to the Winter School Secretariat (dtd.winterschool@stat.unipd.it), various lodging arrangements will be provided upon request and through the DTD Winter School web site – www.statistica.unipd.it/winterschool2011/index.asp.