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## INTERNATIONAL YOUNG RESEARCHERS' CONFERENCE

### **The impacts and challenges of demographic change**

22 and 23 September 2016

Paris (France)

FIAP Jean Monnet

Salle Bruxelles

[Call for papers](#)

The iPOPs Laboratory of Excellence (Individuals, Populations, Societies) and the French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED) are organizing an International Young Researchers' Conference on 22 and 23 September at the FIAP Jean Monnet in Paris. It will bring together PhD students, post-doctoral students and young researchers around the topic of population.

The variability of demographic phenomena is a well-acknowledged fact: fertility, mortality and the morphology of migration have evolved at a different pace in different countries of the world, with varying effects on the population age structure. While it is difficult to pinpoint the impact of these variations, the social challenges they pose are immense. They must be understood and measured so that appropriate action can be taken to address these challenges. This international young researchers' conference aims to tackle the new issues raised by demographic transformations in the social environment, and to accompany these increasingly complex changes through demographic, sociological, anthropological, geographical, economic, epidemiological and historical analysis. This call for papers is constructed around three themes that are opened to all disciplinary and methodological approaches.

### **Theme 1: The morphology of demographic change**

The first theme will focus on demographic change over space and time. Changes in fertility, sexuality, nuptiality, migration or population ageing may have taken varied forms or, on the contrary, show greater convergence in a context of cultural, social and economic globalization. For example, fertility is progressively declining, with a decrease in the number of children per woman in most countries of the world. In some western countries, this trend can be explained partly by an increase in the share of women who decide to remain childless, while in certain African countries – notably North Africa – it reflects the decrease in the proportion of families with three or more children. Therefore the aim will be to analyse demographic phenomena at both macro and micro levels to understand the differences observed between countries and the changes under way within them. A similar approach can be adopted for the analysis of mortality and health. The decrease in maternal mortality, or the emergence of problems such as obesity and its impact on population health may also be examined. Contributions focusing on "classic" demographic questions – fertility, nuptiality, mortality and migration – must show originality in their approach or in the research question they address. We will give priority to the most recent demographic developments, with a view to determining their expression, their causes and their possible chains of dependence.

### **Theme 2: The social challenges of demographic change**

The second theme concerns the social challenges associated with this demographic change, notably in terms of housing, employment, unemployment, education or social policies and financial support, for retirees in particular. Studies may focus on the way in which decision-makers in the political, business and voluntary sectors analyse and address these challenges; on the effects of extending the time spent in education on subsequent working careers – for women especially; the impact of low fertility on the pension system; or the differing responses of receiving countries to migration inflows. For example, will mass migration challenge the role of the nation-state as a unit of analysis and action? Indeed, the new waves of migration to Europe, along with other economic issues, have highlighted the inadequacy of a purely national approach to such questions. Our aim will be to understand how demographic analysis can shed new light on such conflict at intra- and international levels.

### **Theme 3: The environmental impacts of demographic change**

Growing concern over climate change has revealed the potential impact of climate on population dynamics such as mortality, morbidity, migration (the term "climate refugees" is now being used), housing or health. Conversely, we also know environmental challenges are exacerbated by demographic phenomena such as rapid population growth and its uneven geographical distribution. These questions will be of key importance in the coming decades, and population specialists will need to examine them closely and track their evolution. Papers on populations of the past will also be welcome. For example, how did European populations respond to the Little Ice Age that occurred between the fourteenth and nineteenth centuries? Other possible topics

include the relationship between humans and nature, and the capacity of populations to adapt to or modify their immediate environment.

## **Proposals**

This conference is open to PhD students and PhD holders who defended their thesis in the last seven years. Young researchers are invited to submit papers and/or posters on one of the conference themes. Papers not selected for oral sessions may be considered for the poster sessions if the author requests so. Poster submissions are also welcome. All participants are invited to enter their papers for the "Young Author's Prize" organized by the editors of the journal *Population* in November 2016. The conference proceedings may also be published.

Submissions should be uploaded to the conference platform at <http://mutademo.sciencesconf.org/>. The submission deadline is midnight UT on 15 March 2016.

The conference will take place in English. Authors should provide a short abstract (400 words max.) and a long abstract in English. The long abstract should be no longer than two pages and include the paper title, the authors' names, their institutional affiliations and their email addresses. The author should describe the main research question, the method used and the results obtained, and provide a short bibliography. He or she should also highlight the innovative aspects of the topic or the approach adopted. Authors may submit no more than one paper as lead author.

The papers will be assessed by a scientific committee on the basis of their relevance to the conference themes, their intellectual rigour and their originality. The authors will be informed of the committee's decision on 15 May 2016

No submissions that are incomplete or received after the submission deadline will be considered.

## **Additional information**

Conference participants are entitled to attend the coffee breaks, lunches and cocktail party. Registration is free of charge but compulsory, even for participants not presenting a paper or poster. Persons wishing to attend the conference can register from 15 May 2016 to 16 September 2016 via the dedicated platform: <http://mutademo.sciencesconf.org/>.

## **Financial support**

We encourage applicants to find their own sources of funding, however a limited number of grants are available for reimbursing travel and living expenses, within the limit of the available budget. Access will be on a competitive basis for outstanding candidates and for those applicants who might otherwise not be able to come. Only one author per paper or poster could be considered to a grant.

## **Important dates**

- 15/03/2016: Submission deadline for long abstracts
- 15/05/2016: Authors receive notification of the acceptance of their paper
- 16/09/2016: Deadline for sending papers and for registration (with or without a paper or poster)
- 22-23 /09/2016: Conference date

## **Contact**

For further information about all aspects of the conference, please contact the organizing committee at the following address: [mutademo@ined.fr](mailto:mutademo@ined.fr).

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