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The British Society for Population Studies Newsletter

Welcome to Winchester



Welcome to the 2018 conference edition of the BSPS newsletter, which finds us back in Winchester again. An especially warm welcome to our Dutch colleagues joining us this year! The Netherland Demographic Society (NVD) Have organized two sessions in the programme and we have a Dutch plenary speaker.

Please remember that the **AGM** will take place during the Conference (11th Sep at 7.20pm) so please attend if you are able. You are also welcome if you are not attending the conference but make sure you email pic@lse.ac.uk in advance.

Plenary speakers

The plenary theme of the Conference is **Demography, inequality & social policy**. Plenary speakers are:

PROFESSOR RENSKE KEIZER (Erasmus University): Father's role in the development of children's diverging destinies. Professor Keizer's primary research interests are fatherhood and parenthood in an internationally comparative perspective, and the dynamics of partner relationships. Her research straddles soci-

ology, pedagogical sciences, demography, and developmental psychology. Central to her work is the application of the theory-based life course approach to the behavior and well-being of individuals, and (extended) families.

PROFESSOR DANNY DORLING (University of Oxford): Linking mortality to the past - solving the geographical problems. Professor Dorling's work concerns issues of housing, health, employment, education and poverty. If you're interested in his work take a look at his website: <http://www.dannydorling.org/>

In other news, after two sterling years it is time for Alina, our wonderful postgrad rep, to step down. She has been a true asset to BSPS and a great support in putting together the newsletter. **Thank you Alina** and I know you'll go on to do great things! In the next newsletter we'll be welcoming our new postgrad rep: Alyce Raybould.

As always do let me know if you have any suggestions for the newsletter.

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In this feature, which is very special for me, I am happy (and little bit sad) to announce that **Alyce Raybould** from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine will take my place as the new BSPS postgraduate student representative. I was very fortunate to serve my duties for the last two years and the time has come to give way to the next generation of student members and for me to finally stop being a student. Oh ageing (or transitioning to adulthood?!). It was an honour and a pleasure to represent the interests of such a heterogeneous group of students. As for myself, I am sailing further to become a part of the Policy Unit of Understanding Society at ISER (University of Essex).

As usual, don't miss out the traditional **early career mentoring** event which Alyce and I are organising together this year. A fascinating list of senior and junior academics as well as independent consultants and representatives of ONS and local authorities have joined us for the "speed-careering session".

This edition's student spotlight features **Anna Rybińska** from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA). Anna's research focuses on evolution of fertility intentions and childlessness in the United States. Last year, Anna won the poster prize at BSPS 2017 conference in Liverpool. This year, she is presenting her work "What are the determinants of intentions for childlessness?" on

Tuesday at 1.30 pm (save the time!). Taking the early stage of her career, Anna has already published a few papers and how many more to come!



I am very delighted to launch the third round of "the **Postgrad Glory Corner**" section where we are highlighting recent students' publications. At BSPS we support and encourage each other's research. Only a short period between the editions this time, but what a success! This round includes publications of **Genevieve Cezard** (University of St Andrews), **Andreas Culora** (University of Loughborough), **Samantha R. Lattof** (London School of Economics), **Lawrence B. Sacco** (King's College London), and our regular customer here – **Sam Wilding** (University of Southampton)! Well done, BSPS-ers!

Please do get in touch if you've been in contact with the media, written for a blog or published an article.

Don't hesitate to contact me at alina.pelikh@essex.ac.uk if you have any questions or concerns and follow me on Twitter @AlinaPelikh. If you have not already done so, join the BSPS Student Members' Facebook page here: www.facebook.com/groups/300124886760445/.

I wish you all a great conference!

Postgrad Glory Corner

Raj S. Bhopal, Laurence Gruer, **Genevieve Cezard** et al. (2018). Mortality, ethnicity, and country of birth on a national scale, 2001–2013: A retrospective cohort (Scottish Health and Ethnicity Linkage Study). *PLoS Med* 15 (3): e1002515.

Chloe Kinton, Darren P. Smith, John Harrison, and **Andreas Culora** (2018). New frontiers of studentification: The commodification of student housing as a driver of urban change. *The Geographic Journal* 184(3): 242-254.

Samantha R. Lattof (2018). Collecting data from migrants in Ghana: Lessons learned using respondent-driven sampling. *Demographic Research* 38(6): 1017-1058.

Samantha R. Lattof (2018). Health insurance and care-seeking behaviours of female migrants in Accra, Ghana. *Health Policy and Planning* 33(4): 505-515.

Lawrence B Sacco, Constanze Leineweber, Loretta G Platts (2018). Informal care and sleep disturbance among caregivers in paid work: Longitudinal analyses from a large community-based Swedish cohort study. *Sleep* 41(2): 1-10.

Sam Wilding, David Martin, and Graham Moon (2018). Place and preference effects on the association between mental health and internal migration within Great Britain. *Health & Place* 52: 180-187.

Obituary: Professor Basia Zaba



It is with great sadness that we announce that Basia Zaba, Professor of Medical Demography at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, passed away on Thursday 12 July, aged 69. She will be hugely missed by many. She leaves an enormous legacy, primarily through her work on demographic estimation and population-level HIV surveillance, and her mentorship and guidance of generations of demographers both in the UK and overseas.

Basia took a first degree in mathematics at Imperial College, London. Shortly after graduating she spent a year working as a teacher in Papua New Guinea for VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas). This sealed her lifelong interest in the developing world. In 1975 she enrolled in the MSc in Medical Demography at LSHTM. She stayed on to work as a Research Fellow in the Centre for Population Studies that had recently been established under the leadership of Bill Brass. In 1980 she left for Trinidad, where she worked for the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the University of the West Indies – and also

met her husband. On her return to LSHTM in 1988, Basia developed an interest in research on population and environment issues. This led to her being awarded an ESRC fellowship that enabled her to conduct fieldwork in Mwanza, Tanzania. She was to retain close links with the country, basing herself there for periods of up to two years. It was her visit in the mid-1990s, however, that convinced her that HIV/AIDS was the major health, demographic and development problem facing the region, and for the rest of her career, she worked mainly in this field. Her far-sighted, seminal work in this area – including the establishment of the ALPHA network of population surveillance sites – led to increasing international recognition and internal promotion. Basia became Professor of Medical Demography in June 2008 and Head of the Department of Population Health in August 2015.

Basia was diagnosed with cancer in early 2016. With her typical passion for science, she promptly enrolled in a clinical trial for a novel therapy and got on with her life, continuing to work with undimmed drive and enthusiasm. She simply took an occasional day off to undergo rounds of therapy. She even continued as Head of Department until May last year.

She was a keen cyclist, a massive fan of Manchester United and great fun to be around. She has been, and will continue to be, a huge inspiration to many.

With thanks to the Population Studies Group at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Second Biennial Conference on Population and Public Policy

Presented by the International Association of Applied Demographers, hosted by the University of New Mexico Geospatial and Population Studies, and actively supported by the University of Houston's Hobby Center for Public Policy, will be held at the historic Hotel Albuquerque, **February 8-9, 2019**.

. Abstract submission and conference registration as well as hotel booking at the conference site may all be accomplished at the conference [website](#). Immigration is a major focus of the conference, which will also include panels on New Mexico-specific issues. The plenary speaker will be Douglas Massey, Henry G. Bryant Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs at Princeton University and author of *Brokered Boundaries: Creating Immigrant Identity in Anti-Immigrant Times* (Russell Sage 2010). An award and cash prize of \$500 will be given for the best student paper. The award is named for Guillermina Jasso (PhD, Johns Hopkins), Silver Professor and Professor of Sociology at New York University and author (with Mark Rosenzweig) of *The New Chosen People*.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **October 15th**.

EARLY CAREER MENTORING

11th Sep 18.20-19.15

At this year's conference, we are happy to announce an 'early career mentoring session', where young researchers will have the opportunity to speak with both academics and non-academics. The session will be on Tuesday 11th from 18:20 – 19:15. The format this year will be in the style of a "world café"/ "speed-dating" session. Students in groups of 5 will circulate every 10 minutes round tables of 2/3 mentors. The following attendees have kindly agreed to take part:

Table 1: Consultants

Piers Elias, Independent consultant and BSPS president

Nahid Kamal, Founder of PopDev Consultancy

Dominick Veasey, Director at Nexus Planning

Table 2: Local Government

Ben Corr, Demography manager at the Greater London Authority

Rebecca Jathoonia, Office of National Statistics

Table 3: Junior Academics

Fran Darlington-Pollock, University of Liverpool

Ben Wilson, Stockholm University

Thijs Van den Broek, LSE

Table 4 and 5: Senior Academics

Hill Kulu, University of St Andrews (TBC)

Clara Mulder, University of Groningen

Paul Norman, University of Leeds

Rebecca Sear, LSHTM

Wendy Sigle, LSE

Athina Vlachantoni, University of Southampton

Each mentor will have just a few minutes to sum up their career path and take a few questions from the group of students, before the bell rings and the students circulate to the next table. Although there is not a lot of time to get into deep discussion, we hope that this will provide the students with a wide overview of possible career trajectories, and facilitate further discussion between themselves and the mentors throughout the remainder of the conference.

Organisers: Alina Pelikh (University of Essex) & Alyce Raybould (LSHTM)

Key Changes to ESRC's Secondary Data Analysis Initiative

As of 17th of May 2018, ESRC has introduced some key changes to ESRC's [Secondary Data Analysis Initiative](#) (SDAI) to encourage more high quality applications using secondary data from researchers working across all disciplines of social sciences and economics. These are:

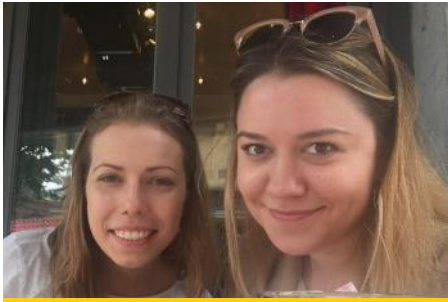
- Applicants are permitted to use *any* major data resource funded by the ESRC or other agencies, national or international, given sufficient justification and appropriate access
- The maximum funding threshold for applications has been raised to £300,000 (100% fEC)
- The maximum duration of proposals has increased from 18 months to 24 months
- The inclusion of an Early Career Researcher (ECR) as either Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator is no longer mandatory, although the inclusion of ECR's is still encouraged

ESRC seeks applications with the potential to deliver high-quality *and* high-impact, policy and practitioner relevant research in social sciences and economics through the deeper exploitation of *any* major data resource.

SDAI operates as an open call alongside ESRC's Research Grants open call and proposals are considered by a distinct panel of experts specifically constituted to support this initiative.

For further information on the ESRC Secondary Data Analysis Initiative please contact the sdai@esrc.ac.uk mailbox.

European Population Conference 2018



Report thanks to Alina Pelikh and Anna Rybińska

This year the European Population Conference 2018 took place in Brussels, Belgium at the Vrije Universiteit Brussels from 6th to 9th of June. Historic surroundings of the University provided a beautiful back-

ground to productive research meetings and less formal networking. Around 850 participants joined the meeting and in a marathon of around 121 regular sessions and 4 poster sessions, approximately 570 papers and 150 posters were presented.

The conference started with an official opening ceremony led by Zsolt Spéder, President of European Association for Population Studies and Patrick Deboosere, Chair of EPC2018. After welcoming remarks, two keynote speakers delivered moving speeches, bringing attention to pressing issues of immigration. Both speeches offered local views of immigration which are often overlooked in national and international media communication.

Pietro Bartolo, a medical doctor from Lampedusa reported first-hand experiences of attending to refugees and immigrants who arrive to this small Italian island. He offered an empathetic view of the immigration crisis, focusing on human suffering and stressing the violation of human rights that often takes place during refugees' travels to Europe. With some translation help from Francesco Billari and live videos of migrants' traumatizing experiences and life tragedies, this opening keynote did not leave anyone indifferent (if not to say speechless). Next, Marie-Claire Foblets and Brian Campbell commented on Europe's readiness for demographic changes. Using data from a multicultural setting of the Spanish Enclave in Ceuta, Brian Campbell described how a local community navigates cultural differences.

The theme of the conference, "Population, Diversity & Inequality", repeatedly surfaced across presentations and posters. For instance, in the fertility strand, issues such as the impact of family context and divergent life course experiences on childbearing and the well-being of children were frequently discussed. Topics included also the social class differences and fertility as well as migrant fertility. The Conference also included two short plenary POP-Talks featuring Brienna Perelli-Harris, University of Southamp-

ton: "Cohabitation on the Rise: Heterogeneity, outcomes, and questions for the future" and Emilio Zagheni, the new director of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock: "Migration Research in the Digital Age".

Thanks to efforts of the EAPS staff and the Belgian Organizing Committee, the conference proceeded smoothly in a friendly atmosphere. Attendees had ample opportunity to network with colleagues during coffee breaks with delicious Belgian treats and social events, including the welcome reception with a performance of Marockin' Brass (Met-X). The popular EPC party as usual attracted many participants and provided a relaxed atmosphere to catch up with international friends. We both had our presentations scheduled on Saturday morning and did not stay at the party long enough to witness the energetic dancing that happened past midnight. We must admit how rewarding it is to see truly engaged scholars attending early sessions of the last conference morning and are deeply thankful to them for their presence and comments.



The conference was encapsulated by the closing ceremony with research awards presented. Jim Vaupel received the EAPS Award for Population Studies. Sunnee Billingsley received the Jan M. Hoem Award for Social Policy and Family Demography. Anna Matysiak received the Dirk J. van de Kaa Award. Tim Riffe and Ilya Kashnitsky have both received the EAPS Outreach Award for outstanding achievements in data visualization. The former BSPS student representative and now an Associate Professor at Oxford University, Ridhi Kashyap won The Gunther Beyer Award for the best paper by an early career scholar.

Exciting news regarding the next EPC location came from the new EAPS President, Jane Falkingham (former BSPS President!): the next EPC will take place in Padova, Italy! We will see you there between 24th and 27th June of 2020.

Spotlight on Research: Anna Rybińska,

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Anna is a doctoral candidate in Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a predoctoral trainee at the Carolina Population Center. She previously completed undergraduate and graduate training in Economics and Quantitative Methods at the Warsaw School of Economics and attended the European Doctoral School of Demography.

I am interested in how individual agency and social structure shape the life course and produce group level differences in family and fertility behavior. My doctoral thesis, under the supervision of Drs. S. Philip Morgan and Yong Cai, focuses on interdependencies between intentions for childlessness and completed fertility in the United States. I aim to understand the extent to which permanent childlessness is a manifestation of individual preferences or a result of structural factors that impede fulfillment of motherhood plans. My motivation for this work lies in the raising prevalence of permanent childlessness across Europe and North America that contributes to declining fertility and affects a full set of age-graded institutions, including schools, union formation, the labor force, and pension systems.

My exploration begins with reconstructing trajectories of childlessness intentions over the life course using sequence analysis and the 1979 National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. I have observed two predominant patterns of developing intentions for childlessness: a repeated postponement of childbearing leading to subsequent adoption of childless expectations at older ages; and an indecision about parenthood signaled through vacillating reports of childless expectations across various ages. This paper, coauthored with S. Philip Morgan, will soon appear in *Social Forces*.

Next, I have investigated the correlates of intentions for childlessness across the life course using fixed

effects models of changes in intentions, education, employment and union formation. These analyses reveal that schemas about gender roles, marriage and childbearing acquired in young adulthood have powerful impacts on permanent childlessness. For instance, young women who do not desire to have children in the future are 1.5 times more likely to remain childless at age 50 than their peers who desire to have children. For women who initially want to have children, intentions for childlessness are closely linked with fertility delay. Every additional year of motherhood postponement increases the likelihood of reporting childlessness intentions. Importantly, women with more education markedly postpone motherhood and develop childlessness intentions very late but also have the highest rates of permanent childlessness.

Together, these findings offer a nuanced picture of interplay between individual childbearing preferences and structural parameters of the social world. Childlessness is a process that unfolds over many years of women's lives, accompanied by indecision about childbearing. Ideations about family and personal achievement from early adulthood can set women

on life trajectories which pit childbearing against other life choices and, ultimately, increase the probability of permanent childlessness. Later in life, distal circumstances of women's lives determine the transition from intending motherhood to intending childlessness, with disparate patterns of childlessness intentions development among women with higher and lower educational attainment.

In the future, I plan to extend this work by cross-country and cross-cohort comparisons. For more information, visit my web page: <https://arybinska.web.unc.edu/> or email me: arybinska@unc.edu.





FAMILY AND FERTILITY OVER THE LIFE COURSE IN EUROPE

CALL FOR PAPERS

University of St Andrews, 15th and 16th November 2018

In the past decades, European societies have experienced significant changes in partnership, family and fertility dynamics. Marriage rates have declined in all European countries, non-marital cohabitation has become common, and divorce and separation have significantly increased. Childbearing has been postponed, but fertility levels fluctuate over time and vary across countries. Growing immigrant and ethnic minority populations have contributed to the diversity of family forms and individual life courses. Changing partnership and childbearing patterns have major implications for social stratification and health inequalities in the later life course.

This international symposium brings together researchers in the areas of family, fertility, migration and the life course to discuss recent research and the challenges that changing demographic realities pose to European countries at individual, regional and societal levels. The workshop is jointly organised by the University of St Andrews and the ESRC Centre for Population Change, and it will be held in Lower College Hall, the University of St Andrews.

Confirmed keynote speakers are Prof Aat Liefbroer (University of Amsterdam and NIDI), Prof Francesco Billari (Bocconi University), Dr Eleonora Mussino (Stockholm University) and Prof Jane Falkingham (University of Southampton).

We invite contributions to the following sessions:

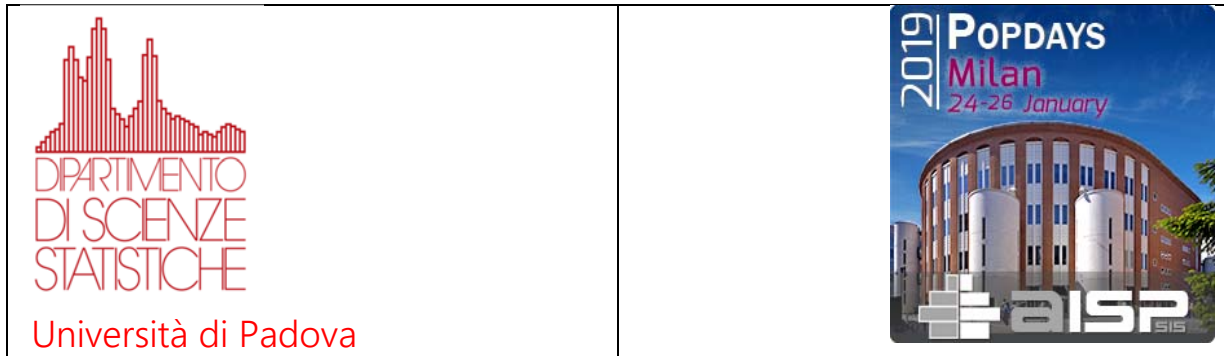
Partnerships and family (organiser: Júlia Mikolai)

Fertility (organisers: Hill Kulu and Elspeth Graham)

Migration, family, and fertility (organisers: Albert Sabater and David McCollum)

Family, health, and the life course (organiser: Katherine Keenan)

To submit a paper for the symposium, please send an abstract (max 250 words) to Christina Lamb at cpscot@st-andrews.ac.uk by 30th September 2018. Slots for oral presentations are limited and authors will be informed by mid-October as to whether their paper has been accepted. There is no registration fee and meals during the symposium will be provided.



Quantitative research on non-heterosexual populations: measuring homo-bisexual attraction, behavior, orientation, living arrangements, and opinions on homo-bisexuality in a population perspective

Milan, January 24th 2019, 8.30-12.30

The reduction of the stigma against non-heterosexuality is one of the most important social novelties of the last decades in developed countries, characterized also by law interventions in favor of same-sex couples. Research has dealt with this theme from many points of view. This workshop – organized by the Department of Statistical Sciences of the University of Padua and the Italian Association for Population Studies AISIP – aims to contribute to the quantitative research on this topic, adopting a population perspective. Contributions on the following topics are welcome:

1. Prevalence of non-heterosexual attraction, behavior and orientation, and variations over time;
2. Non-heterosexual attraction/behavior/orientation and the characteristics of the people involved;
3. Living arrangements of non-heterosexual persons: the diffusion of different forms of same-sex legal unions with or without children;
4. Change in the opinions expressed by the population regarding same-sex relationships;
5. Body image among non-heterosexual persons;
6. How to measure sexual minorities.

Participation is free. The workshop will take place in the morning of Thursday 24th January 2019 (8.30-12.30), at the Bocconi University of Milan, Piazza Sraffa 13 Milano, Edificio Velodromo, as a side-meeting of *Population Days* organized by the Italian Association for Population Studies (24-26 January). Participants to the workshop are also invited to stay at *Population Days*, where several sessions will be in English. For accommodations, see the website of the Conference.

<https://www.sis-aisp.it/save-the-date-giornate-di-studio-sulla-popolazione-popdays-2019-13th-edition/>.

Deadline for abstracts (200-300 words): **October 1st 2018**

Communication of acceptance: **October 31st 2018**

Please, send your abstract to Maria Castiglioni: casti@stat.unipd.it.



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10th Demographic Conference of "Young Demographers"

Actual Demographic Research of Young Demographers (not only) in Europe

7 and 8 February 2019 (Thursday - Friday)

Call for Papers

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Young Demographers, Department of Demography and Geodemography and the Geographical Institute (Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Science) we would like to invite you to the 10th Demographic Conference of Young Demographers called traditionally “**Actual Demographic Research of Young Demographers (not only) in Europe**”.

The conference is planned for two days (**7th and 8th February 2019**) and will take place at the Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague, Albertov 6, Prague 2. All participants will have the possibility to present their actual research and discuss it with colleagues from other countries or fields of study. Although the conference is focused mostly on Ph.D. students of Demography, all young (or a bit older) researchers (**not only demographers** – a section for non-demographers is planned) will be welcomed. The working language will be English and except for a few online posters all presentations are expected to be in oral form. At least one section will be devoted to presentations of research based on usage of the SAS software. The SAS Institute of the Czech Republic and the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, partners of the conference, will award a prize of the best presentation using the SAS software or the best presentation with social context.

On the **6th February 2019**, workshop on current research and modern methods in historical demography will be organized in cooperation with Association for Young Historical Demographers. The workshop capacity is limited. The workshop program will be specified during the October 2018.

If you are interested in participating, please submit the **title** of your proposed presentation, a **short abstract** in English (maximum 250 words) and 3–5 **keywords** via [registration form](http://www.demografove.estranky.cz/en/) (the link could be found on our website <http://www.demografove.estranky.cz/en/>) **before the 14th November 2018**. You will be informed about the acceptance before the 14th December 2018.

We are sorry to inform you that there is neither any foundation of your transport and living expenditures nor we can offer you any financial support.

For more information please visit our website (<http://www.demografove.estranky.cz/en/>).

In case of any questions please feel free to contact us.

Looking forward to meeting you in Prague!

On behalf of the Organizing Committee,

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